# THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

# ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA

# IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

1999

# PROCEEDINGS

# ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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## NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

April 13th, 14th, 15th, 2000
Kitchener
Four Points Hotel

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Held in the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel
Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
April 15rd, 16th , 17th, 1999

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## BIOGRAPHY

# HARRY DOUGLAS TURNER

**Personal:**
Born - Toronto, Ontario, December 14, 1933
The oldest in a family of five children
Educated in the Toronto Board of Education Public and Secondary Schools
Married to Geraldine Ruth McCarthy June 12, 1954
Three children, Harry Jr., Ruth Ann and Thomas Gerald
Ten grand children, One great grandchild

**Business:**
Employed in aircraft assembly, A.V. Roe, Malton, Ontario 1952
Enrolled with the Toronto City Police Force, February 28, 1955
Retired May 1, 1992

## MASONIC

**Symbolic:**
1966-Initiated, Passed and Raised in the Beaches Lodge No.473 of Toronto District No.3 A.F. & A.M.
1976-Member 7 Toronto Districts Past Masters' Association
1978-Worshipful Master of the Beaches Lodge No.473
1992-Affiliated Life Member of Ivy Lodge No.115 Niagara 'A' District A.F. & A.M. Beamsville
1994-Member of Niagara 'A' District D.D.G.M.'s team and appointed Chairman of the District's Masonic Foundation Committee
1998-Appointed Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

**Capitular Masonry:**
1979-Exalted in King Cyrus Chapter No.232, Toronto District 8A
1984-Life Member King Cyrus Chapter No.232
1985-First Principal King Cyrus Chapter No.232
1985-Member Toronto Districts 8-8A Principal's Association
1988-Elected Grand Principal Sojourner
1989-Appointed to the Grand Executive Committee, 1 year
1990-Appointed to the Grand Executive Committee, 2 years
1992-Elected to the Grand Executive Committee, 2 years
1992-Affiliated Life Member Mount Moriah Chapter No.19, Niagara District No.7
1992-Member Niagara District No.7 Principal's Association
1993-Elected President of the Toronto Districts 8-8A Principal's Association
1994-Appointed Life Member of the Toronto District 8-8A Principal's Association
1994-Elected Grand Third Principal..and by virtue of office, Vice-president of the Grand Executive Committee
1995-Appointed the Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of West Virginia
1996-Elected Grand Second Principal..and by virtue of office, President of the Grand Executive Committee
1998-Elected Grand First Principal

**Most Excellent Companion Harry Douglas Turner**

**Knights Templar:**
1980-Member Cyrene Preceptory No.29, Toronto
1983-Life Member Cyrene Preceptory No.29
1994-Affiliated member St.Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory No.19, Port Colborne
1996-Presiding Preceptor, St.Bernard de Clairveau Preceptory No.19
1996-Member, Hamilton District Preceptors' Association

**Shrine:**
1981-Member Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. Toronto
1983-Member Rameses Arab Patrol Unit
1984-Member Shrine Patrol Association of North America

**Royal & Select Masters:**
1987-Honoured, Chosen and Greeted, Keystone Council No.20 Toronto
1988-Elevated Etobicoke Lodge No.17 Royal Ark Mariners
1989-Life Member Keystone Council No.20 and Etobicoke Lodge No.17
1995-Thrice Illustrious Master Keystone Council No.20
Worshipful Commander Noah, Etobicoke Lodge No.17, Royal Ark Mariners
1996-Appointed Grand Outer Guard Royal & Select Masters of Ontario
1996-Honourary Member Pyramid Council No.7, Niagara Falls
1997-Appointed Grand Inspector General, District 'C'

**Knights of the York Cross of Honour:**
1998-Member Ontario Priory No.49-London

**Order of High Priesthood:**
1987-Member Order of High Priesthood
1990-Charter/Life Member Unity Council No.4, Midland

**York Rite College:**
1988-Member Athelstan York Rite College No.41, Toronto
1992-Life Member Athelstan York Rite College No.41
1996-Appointed Preceptor in Athelstan York Rite College No.41
1998-Charter Member & elected Deputy Governor in Seymour York Rite College No.185,
1999-Honourary Grand President

**Allied Masonic Degrees:**
1989-Member Scarborough Council No.175
1991-Sovereign Master Scarborough Council No.175
1995-Appointed member of the Grand Executive Committee
1995-Member Order of the Secret Monitor Toronto Conclave No.3

**Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests:**
1990-Life Member Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests York Tabernacle No.93
1996-Elected High Priest York Tabernacle No.93
**Royal Cross of Constantine:**
1990-Member Holy Land Conclave No.3, Toronto
1999-Invested Junior General, Holy Land Conclave No.3

**A.&A.S.R.:**
1992-Toronto Lodge of Perfection, 14°, Toronto
1993-Toronto Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°
1993-Moore Sovereign Consistory, 32°, Hamilton

**Sundry:**
Allied Masonic Degrees:
- Council of Honour, Man At Arms, Life Member
- Council of Honour, Esquire, Life Member
- Member, Knights of the Red Branch of Eri
- Member, Ye Order of Corks, Masonic Order of the Bath
- Member, Grand Tylers of Solomon, Council No.212, St. Thomas

Shrine:
- Life Member, of the Mandarin Degree
- Life Member Hogtowners Clan No.46 Grand & Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree
- Member, Shrine Patrol Association of North America

Tall Cedars of Lebanon:
- 1988-Member, Garden City Forest No.173, Milton
- 1991-Grand Tall Cedar, Garden City Forest No.173, Milton

## THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

An especial Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was called Saturday, January 23rd, 1999 at the New Masonic Lodge Building, 430 Riverview Drive, Chatham, Ontario for the purpose of dedicating the Lodge Room for the use of Royal Arch Masonry and Wellington-MacNabb Chapter No. 47.

### PRESENT

Grand Council

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| M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner | Grand First Principal |
| R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill | Grand Second Principal |
| R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour | Grand Third Principal |

Three Lights Triangularly

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| V.Ex.Comp. James Napier | First |
| R.Ex.Comp. Hugh M Dunlop | Second |
| R.Ex.Comp. William Birnie | Third |

Ark of the Covenant

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| R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey | R.Ex.Comp. William Klapiatuk |

Three Elements of Concecration

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| R.Ex.Comp. Lawrence Hillman | Corn |
| V.Ex.Comp. John Pattison | Wine |
| R.Ex.Comp. Marwood Fletcher | Oil |
| M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell | Pot of Incense |
| R.Ex.Comp. James T Saunders | Grand Superintendent St Clair District No. 1 |
| R.Ex.Comp. C Gordon Sinclair | Acting Grand Chaplain |
| R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke | Grand Scribe Ezra |
| R.Ex.Comp. William Douglas | Grand Scribe Nehemiah |

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| R.Ex.Comp. Eugene F de Beaupre | Grand Principal Sojourner |
| Ex.Comp. David Jacklin | Acting Grand Senior Sojourner |
| R.Ex.Comp. John W Murphy | Acting Grand Junior Sojourner |
| Ex.Comp. Ron Fuller | Acting Grand Outer Guard |

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 1:40 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Lodge Room at the Chatham Masonic Building for Wellington-MacNabb Chapter No. 47. A deputation was called off for the sufficient time for the dedication. The Ceremony being performed, the Grand First Principal brought greetings, gave words of encouragement and support to the Chapter and the Grand Chapter retired. The Chapter was closed by the Companions while the especial Convocation was closed in Ample Form at 2:30 p.m. by the Grand First Principal. A formal reception was held in the evening in recognition of the Grand First Principal and this special event.

## THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario on April 16th and 17th, 1999.

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| M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner | Grand First Principal |
| R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill | Grand Second Principal |
| R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour | Grand Third Principal |

### PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

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| M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett | M.Ex.Comp. Aube L Weisman |
| M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart | M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe |
| M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock | M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt |
| M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline | M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson |
| M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker | M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell |

### GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 1998

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| R.Ex.Comp. Ian D Nichols | Grand Chaplain |
| R.Ex.Comp. John E Oldham | Grand Treasurer |
| R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke | Grand Scribe Ezra |
| R.Ex.Comp. William H Douglas | Grand Scribe Nehemiah |
| R.Ex.Comp. Eugene F de Beaupre | Grand Principal Sojourner |
| R.Ex.Comp. R William Glover | Grand Registrar |
| R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield | Grand Historian |
| V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey | Grand Archivist |

## GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 1998

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| R.Ex.Comp. James T Saunders | St. Clair District No. 1 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Gordon C Alblas | London District No. 2 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Clifford L Sly | Wilson District No. 3 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Donald Kaufman | Wellington District No. 4 |
| R.Ex.Comp. T Roy Binns | Hamilton District No. 5 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Ian Keuls | Huron District No. 6 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Gregory Faraday | Niagara District No. 7 |
| R.Ex.Comp. John D Ross | Toronto District No. 8 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Donald G Kelly | Toronto District No. 8A |
| R.Ex.Comp. Stuart D Crockett | Georgian District No. 9 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Francis E Guy | Ontario District No. 10 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Eugene Le Gier | Prince Edward District No. 11 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Stanley K Hall | St. Lawrence District No. 12 |
| R.Ex.Comp. George F Graves | Ottawa District No. 13 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Richard R Berday | Algoma District No. 14 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Grant B Parsons | New Ontario District No. 15 |
| R.Ex.Comp. Victor R Pratskey | Temiskaming District No. 16 |

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - HONOURARY

R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B Gillespie
R.Ex.Comp. J Lloyd Mellor
R.Ex.Comp. Hugh M Dunlop
R.Ex.Comp. Norman D McComb
R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (1997)

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk
R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson
R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford
R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers
R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (1998)

R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey
R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor
R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson
R.Ex.Comp. D Kenneth Bromley
R.Ex.Comp. C Gordon Sinclair

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 1997)

R.Ex.Comp. E Roy Harrison
V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 1998)

V.Ex.Comp. William H Collinson
V.Ex.Comp. John R Pattison

## GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was opened in Ample Form at 9:00 a.m.

The Grand First Principal announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for, would now be welcomed. After admitting all Companions, the Grand First Principal welcomed all present at the One Hundred and Forty-first Annual Convocation.

**Distinguished Guests - Introduced by R.Ex.Comp. Donald Emerick**

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| British Columbia and the Yukon | M.Ex.Comp. Joseph R Marshall | G.Z. |
| Newfoundland | M.Ex.Comp. William J Baldwin | G.H.P. |
| Quebec | M.Ex.Comp. John Owen | G.Z. |
| Delaware | M.Ex.Comp. Richard Weaver | G.H.P. |
| Maine | R.Ex.Comp. Davis Couture | D.G.H.P. |
| New York | M.Ex.Comp. Arnold Palmer | G.H.P. |
| Ohio | M.Ex.Comp. Robert Crabbs | G.H.P. |
| Rhode Island | M.Ex.Comp. Robert J Allen | P.G.H.P. |
| Vermont | M.Ex.Comp. David Cumming | P.G.H.P. |
| General Grand Chapter | M.Ex.Comp. John Sainz | D.G.G.H.P. |
| Order of the High Priesthood | M.Ex.High Priest Bernard M LoPatriello | Grand President |
| Grand Council Royal & Select Masters | M.Ill.Comp. L Ian Montague of Ontario | M.Ill. Grand Master |
| Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada | M.Ill.Kt.Comp. Albert A Mortlock | Past Grand Sovereign |
| Sovereign Great Priory of Canada | R.Em.Kt. Edward W Elcombe | Grand Chancellor |
| York Rite Sovereign College of North America | M.Pre.Dist.Bro. Gordon H Stuart | Past Grand Governor General |
| Supreme Council 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite | Ill.Bro. Norman E Byrne 33° | Lieutenant Grand Commander |

The Grand First Principal greeted the Distinguished Guests individually as they were presented and welcomed them warmly. They were then escorted to their seats by the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals. Grand Honours were accorded the guests led by the Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

Most Worshipful Brother William T. Anderson, the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was presented in the West where he was formally and warmly received by M.Ex.Comp. Turner. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

The Grand First Principal called upon the Grand Chaplain for the Invocation.

## INVOCATION BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Let us pray. Grand Geometrician of the Universe, we claim Thy presence as thou has promised with us in all our dealings in Thy Holy Name. We ask Thee to bless us in this Convocation, grant that our deliberations may be to Thy honour and glory and to the good of our craft and of all thy people throughout the world, for the honour and glory of Thy Most Holy Name we pray. Amen

## FLAG CEREMONY AND ANTHEMS

The flags of Canada and the United States of America were presented at the Altar and placed in the East, following which the National Anthems of both countries were sung.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Companions, let us pray.

Great Architect and Grand Geometrician of the Universe, we praise Thy Holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course, laid down their working tools, and entered into that holy and spiritual Temple not made with hands. Make us, we beseech thee, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days, that, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope, in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with all people. Grant this for Thy great Name's sake. Amen.

We remember the following Companions who have passed to the Grand Chapter above:

Past Grand Chapter Officers of our own jurisdiction: M.Ex.Comp. William Simpson Thomson, Right Excellent Companions : Dennis Arthur Ward, David McKeag, William Francis Hoffman, Kenneth Ross Radford, David John Hynes, William Brown Walker, Talbot Llewllyn Peyton, Rabbi Harold Lerner, Henry Alexander Lyons, James Howard Coleman, Very Excellent Companions: Albert H.S. Smith, Albert Hampson Hall, Warren Ogden Hicks Newton, Harold Walter Burmaster, Albert Ferguson Foote, Thomas Rupert Tompkins, Walter Henry Mortlock, Douglas Carman Davey, E. Wallace C. Hogaboom, Johannes Scheffler, Thomas Llewellyn MacNally, Harold William Clark, John Arthur Reynolds, Frank Bertram Johnson, Harold Wilbert Hagerman, Stanley Easterbrook Chisholm, Wesley Thomas Miller, Kenzie Holmes Saxton, Richard Miles Dodgson, Franklin Leslie Barrett, Murray Douglas Feasby, Louis George Primeau, Douglas C. Mitchell, Donald Newton, Joseph H. Mayne, Keith Flynn, Arthur Gower Humphries, Sidney Winterbottom, Ronald Alexander Sellars.

Past Grand Chapter Officers of other jurisdictions: M.Ex.Comp. John Robert Doherty, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, M.Ex.Comp. Mark H. Hannah, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, M.Ex.Comp. Irving K. Richards, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. M.Ex.Comp. Junius B. Sharp, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, M.Ex.Comp. Ralph B. Duncan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, M.Ex.Comp. Wilbur J. Doren, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, M.Ex.Comp. Oliver H. Ormiston, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, M.Ex.Comp. Otis Yolton Perkins, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, M.Ex.Comp. Noel David Fairweather, Past First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of South Australia, M.Ex.Comp. Alexander George Dolphin, Past First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria

In addition, we recorded the deaths of 280 other Companions and Excellent Companions who were members of Chapters in this jurisdiction. We cherish their memory in our hearts and we commit their souls to God, confident of His love for them and for us all. We shall observe a short period of silent remembrance in honour of our departed Companions.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Amos 7:1-8

Companions, some of you probably heard something familiar in that passage of Scripture. Part of it is used in another Masonic ceremony, often, as I have discovered in my experience, somewhat to the mystification of those present, wondering what it means. The little passage, which was the last section in that reading, is rather out of context in that other ceremony, and that makes its meaning somewhat obscure. This morning, for a few moments, I would like to share some thoughts with you for our own enlightenment.

We have three things in this passage: we have two judgements, and then a final declaration by God. In the judgements, the Lord calls upon a plague of locusts and a storm of fire to wreak havoc among the people in retribution for their sins, for their disobedience. Each of those times, at the behest of Amos the prophet, the Lord changes his mind and says, "This shall not be".

But in the third part, the Lord acts out a sort of parable in the presence of the prophet Amos. Amos saw the Lord standing by a wall built by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. The plumb line is, of course, well known to us in Craft Masonry. As a working tool, it speaks to us of uprightness of life and actions. In this parable from the Book of Amos, the plumb line represents a directive from God about our lives and how we are to lead them. Indeed, it represents many directives from our Divine Creator. It represents his entire revelation of himself to us.

In this Jurisdiction, before any one is made a Mason, he declares that he believes that there is a Supreme Being, that that Supreme Being has revealed himself to mankind, and that that Supreme Being will reward virtue and punish vice. That revelation is represented by the plumb line in this parable from the Book of the Prophet Amos. God is saying, "I have shown you the difference between right and wrong. In the Volume of the Sacred law, in the history of my dealings with my people, there is a guide to your conduct. And it is important!"

Yes, it is important whether we follow or disregard the Grand Creator's revelation of himself. If we follow them, we stay in communion with our Creator. If we disregard them, we may frustrate his will and lose our communion with our Creator. And that means that we become something less than fully human.

As Freemasons, we are challenged to live our lives in accordance with God's revelation of himself to us, for our own benefit as individual human beings, for the benefit of all other human beings upon this planet, and for the honour and glory of God's holy Name.

As we begin this Grand Convocation, my Companions, once again I call upon us all to hear and observe God's words to us, and to carry out that word in our lives and in our actions. So mote it be.

## IN MEMORIAM

## WILLIAM SIMPSON THOMSON

## MOST EXCELLENT GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL
## 1974-1975

"If he could speak I know he'd say,
Weep not for me, my friends, I pray;
It's just farewell and not good-by
For naught can break our mystic tie.
If death were but the bitter end
Then we'd have nothing more to gain-
We'd all have lived and died in vain.
The symbol of the evergreen
Which we Masons all have seen,
Gives proof that Life can never end-
So travel on, our Faithful Friend."

May we pause for a time in the midst of our deliberations to place on record a tribute to cherish the memory of a Companion who was once an integral part of our fellowship in the great crusade of purposeful living. We recall our Companion as being one whose stature in character was high, and who remained at all times steadfast in his Masonic faith.

Most Excellent Companion Thomson was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland.
Married to Phyllis, they had two children, Lynn and Jayne.

M.Ex.Comp. Thomson was an Elder and former Chairman of the Board, and long time choir member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Oakville .Lifetime Member, Advisory Board, The Salvation Army, at National Headquarters, Toronto, Past Director, Rotary Club, Toronto. Paul Harris Fellow, 1985, Campaign Chairman, Cancer Society, Oakville District, 1984. General Campaign Chairman, Cancer Society, Central Counties District, 1985. Recipient, The Commemorative Medal for 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Former member of Oakville Council.

MASONIC RECORD

Member, Oakville Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 400 G.R.C., W.M. Hamilton Lodge No. 562, 1978. Grand Senior Deacon Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., 1979-1980 Grand First Principal, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, 1974-1975. Awarded the York Rite Order of the Purple Cross, 1975. Associate Regent, York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Honourary Inspector General, Supreme Council 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. Member, Keystone Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters of Ontario.

Life member, Geoffrey de St.Aldemar Preceptory No. 2 Knights Templar, Past Sovereign, Harington Conclave, Masonic and Military Order, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine Member Etobicoke Lodge No. 17 Royal Ark Mariners, Member, Order of the High Priesthood, Companion Knights of Athelstan York Rite College No. 41.

MILITARY RECORD

Major R.C.A.C. Retired. Former Armed Forces Chaplaincy Committee.

M.Ex.Comp. Thomson was a devoted husband, proud father, grandfather and true friend. M.Ex.Comp. Thomson learned early the true value of brotherhood and was willing and eager to give unselfishly of his time for the advancement of his philosophies. He opened his eyes and ears and heart to the great messages of his brethren. He learned that we can get in touch with God through brotherhood - that all are but parts of one stupendous whole.

HE ANSWERED THE CALL

We do not grieve, - We who know,
Nor are we sad, - As they go
To claim Reward - From God's hand,
A life well-spent, - God's Command.

We do not grieve, - But we rejoice,
He heard the call, - The Master's Voice,
The door is opened, - The light revealed
Blessed are those - Who have believed.

True Patriot, in his Country's need,
Great soldier, such a one to lead;
Good Mason, Husband, Brother, Friend,
True to his God! Can such life end?

Memories are like strands of gold, They never rust nor grow old.
Rest well dear Friend, Rest Well

Fraternally M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett

The Grand First Principal then requested the Companions rise for a period of silence in memory and as a tribute to Most Excellent Companion William Simpson Thomson.

**William Simpson Thomson**
**Oakville, Ontario**

**Most Excellent Grand First Principal**
**1974-1975**

## GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner called upon Most Worshipful Brother William T Anderson to bring greetings from The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Distinguished Guests and Companions:

Thank you for the honour in allowing me to bring you greetings and the very best wishes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. We wish you much success in the deliberations of these sessions and for the future.

Companions, Masonry in Ontario, is blessed with the inclusion of the members of Grand Chapter as an important part of our fraternal family. All segments of the family have a responsibility to perform their allotted tasks. As a concordant body one of your most important tasks is to convey the expansion of the knowledge of the Craft Degrees. First however, the Craft Lodges must teach those lessons to their members. We in Grand Lodge are developing tools for the use of the Lodge leaders to enable them to meet their responsibilities. The methods for employing these tools are being communicated through the on going "Brother to Brother Program". As this program unfolds throughout the jurisdiction it is our fervent desire that the potential leaders of the future will be better equipped to convey our Masonic teachings to the Brethren.

Presently one of our deepest concerns is the loss of members through resignations and suspensions. Statistics show that annually these losses are out numbering deaths by one and one-half to two times. When studying the reasons for this revolving door syndrome, we are finding there are several challenges that need to be addressed. Some of the prevalent reasons are: The teachings of the Craft are not well communicated; the new members are pushed too fast into offices, resulting in burn out; the Past Masters become bored and loose interest; new members are persuaded to move on through the Concordant Bodies to the Shrine before they have established a firm ownership of the Craft. The challenges, presented by these reasons, can all be addressed by the various members of our fraternal family. The "Brother to Brother Program" addresses the lack of teaching by giving the Lodge leaders a kit of tools to work with. We all must be sensitive to our new member's abilities and not force them past their Masonic maturity. The concordant bodies have an important role to play in rekindling the interests of the Past Master.

My Companions, we all must review and renew our commitments to meet the challenges to our Fraternity. We have the abilities. We have the knowledge. Now we need to activate our desire.

Most Excellent Sir, thank you for your kindness and hospitality, thank you for the opportunity to address your Convocation. I wish for you the best of health and good fortune for you and this Grand Chapter now and in the future.

## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

Grand Chapter was called off at 9:50 a.m. for a space of time required to receive the Representative of the City of Niagara Fall to bring greetings of the City.

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner called upon R.Ex.Comp. Donald Emerick, to introduce the representative of the City of Niagara Falls

Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Councilor Ken Farran, representing his Worship the Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls.

Councilor Ferran, it is indeed a pleasure for you to find the time to bring us the greetings of the City of Niagara Falls. Last night I was made aware that the Mayor was called to an emergent meeting and had to cancel out. Would you please continue to the east with your escort that you may ascend the podium and bring your greetings.

Good morning. On behalf of Mayor Wayne Thompson who sends his deepest regrets he could not make it because of a scheduling conflict. I understand that this is the first time you have been back to Niagara Falls since 1991. I must say it is a true pleasure to have you in our fair city, and on behalf of Mayor Thompson, myself and the fellow members of City Council, we wish to welcome you to our great city, and we hope you enjoy your Convocation, your 141st and that everything goes well for you and you have a good time in our fair city. Again, thank you very much for coming back , be careful of the Casino and have a good time.

## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 10:00am The Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call Grand Chapter on.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

The Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner called on R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, to call the roll of the Past Grand First Principals and for them to assemble in the West.

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| M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett | Grand First Principal | 1961-62 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Aube L Weisman | Grand First Principal | 1978-79 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart | Grand First Principal | 1982-83 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe | Grand First Principal | 1984-85 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock | Grand First Principal | 1986-87 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt | Grand First Principal | 1988-89 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline | Grand First Principal | 1990-91 |
| M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson | Grand First Principal | 1992-93 |
| M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker | Grand First Principal | 1994-95 |
| M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell | Grand First Principal | 1996-97 |

Most Excellent the Past Grand First Principals of this Grand Chapter, it is indeed a pleasure that you are joining with us this morning in our Convocation proceedings and it is certainly an honour for this Grand Council to welcome you into your Grand Chapter.

I know over the past year, you have allowed us to pick your brains and use your experience and your knowledge, and it certainly has been appreciated by this Grand Council. M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell, it has to be your first time in the West, and congratulations on what you accomplished in your two years. I'm sure you are enjoying the comfort of being out there and watching me struggle and work my way through this assembly.

Grand Scribe Nehemiah will lead the Companions in Grand Honours.

M.Ex.Comp. Charles Emmett, I know we heard from you in a presentation, I hope you are not all dried up, but as the Senior member, I would call upon you for some remarks.

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett: Most Excellent Sir, it is a privilege for me to respond on behalf of my colleagues and we thank you for your warm welcome and comments and we assure you that we are here and ready to serve this Grand Chapter at all times..

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner then called upon R.Ex.Comp. Gregory Faraday to give the:

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Most Excellent Companion Harry D Turner, the Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother William T Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Distinguished East, Guests and Companions.

On behalf of the Companions of Niagara District No. 7, I extend a warm welcome to you, our visitors. We are privileged and honoured to have you as our guests once again in the City of Niagara Falls, The Worlds most famous address.

I would like to at this time recognise R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey and his Grand Convocation Committee who worked long and hard over the past year and a half to make sure that this One Hundred and Forty-first Grand Convocation is one you will long remember. I am sure some of you remember the previous Convocation held here and that is one of the reasons why you are back. The Niagara Peninsula is one of the finest if not the finest tourist areas in the world.

I would recommend that while you are here you tour the Niagara Region and take in some of the attractions and sights that are unique to this area. From Fort Erie to Niagara-on-the Lake there is something for everyone. For example you can take a stroll through Queen Victoria Park and view up close the awesome beauty of Niagara Falls or visit some of the hundreds of tourist attractions in the City or maybe take in a tour. There is always the view of the mighty locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway's Welland Canal between St. Catharines and Port Colborne. I am sure that no matter what you do, you and yours will thoroughly enjoy your stay. Once again, welcome.

Gregory A. Faraday, Grand Superintendent, Niagara District No. 7

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 140th Grand Convocation held in Hamilton, Ontario, on Friday the 24th of April and Saturday the 25th of April 1998, having been printed and copies sent to all Chapters in the jurisdiction, that the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same now be confirmed. CARRIED.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal that the order of business of this Annual Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Edward G Ounjian be confirmed as Chairman of the Credentials Committee with power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Edward G Ounjian be confirmed as Chairman of the Scrutineer's Committee with the power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, asked the Grand Scribe Ezra to call the Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near our Grand Body, and asked them to answer the call and assemble on the north and south sides of the Altar.

| COUNTRY OF JURISDICTION | REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT |
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| Alberta | Albert A Mortlock |
| British Columbia | M Sheldon Boomhour |
| Colorado | Bert A Mennie |
| Connecticut | David W Laskey |
| Delaware | R Frank Russell |
| District of Columbia | Robert S Wylie |
| Florida | Alan F Walker |
| Georgia | Frederick C Garvin |
| Germany | Guenther H Gahs |
| Idaho | Guy G Deavu |
| Illinois | Melvyn J Duke |
| Indiana | R Allan Cadwallader |
| Israel | Eric Laiken |
| Louisiana | Edward S P Carson |
| Maine | Henry E Winslow |
| Manitoba | L Ian Montague |
| Maryland | David G Walker |

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| Massachusetts | Sven Nielsen |
| Michigan | Donald F Kline |
| Minnesota | John Williams |
| Montana | Larry J Hostine |
| Nebraska | William Klapatiuk |
| Netherlands | Ronald McClung |
| New Brunswick | Malcolm MacKenzie |
| Newfoundland | Donald J Gent |
| New Hampshire | Percy Barr |
| New Mexico | Alton Roy |
| New South Wales | Edward W Elcombe |
| New York | Charles Meldrum |
| North Carolina | Donald J Emerick |
| Ohio | Clifford J Meunier |
| Oregon | Alan A Foote |
| Pennsylvania | Wilson S Anderson |
| Rhode Island | John W McGill |
| Saskatchewan | Richard Stevenson |
| South Australia | B Donald Lamont |
| South Dakota | M John Moor |
| Texas | C Gordon Sinclair |
| Utah | John Post |
| Vermont | Edward G Ounjian |
| Victoria (Australia) | Bruce Miller |
| Virginia | Dale Plant |
| West Virginia | Harry D Turner |
| Wisconsin | James M Napier |
| Wyoming | Donald A King |

To you Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions, it is a pleasure to extend to you our sincere welcome. In the Grand Representative system, you have an important duty in establishing and maintaining good fraternal relations of this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter from whom you have received your Commission.

I thank you sincerely for carrying out those duties with zeal, and congratulate each of you on your dedication to Royal Arch Masonry. M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner called on the Grand Director of Ceremonies to lead in Grand Honours.

## REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, I have the happy privilege of presenting to you the names of Companions to receive the Distinguished Service Award. They are recommended to this Committee by the Officers and Members of their respective Chapters, who believe them to be worthy of this important Award.

They are:

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| Companion Donald R J Brown | Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville |
| Companion Gerald Stanley Brooks | Keystone Chapter No. 72, Striling |
| Companion William Alexander McKie | Golden Chapter No. 90, Kenora |
| Companion David Schut | Durham Chapter No. 22, Durham |
| Companion Louie Ludwig Bocsy | Grenville Chapter No. 22, Prescott |
| Companion John Bennie Shedden | Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19, St. Catharines |

Fraternally and sincerely submitted, M.Ex.Comps. Leslie Levitt, Chairman, G Robert Jackson and Donald F Kline.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill, seconded by myself, M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline, that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED

## GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

My Companions:

It is my pleasure and a distinct honour to welcome you to this our 141st Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. My thanks to the Great Jehovah for sparing us that we may be together again in the true spirit of harmony and brotherly love.

We are assembled in this beautiful city of Niagara Falls and the historic area of the Niagara Peninsula. During the past two hundred years many actions have taken place in this vicinity, and many decisions made in the formation of our country, our province and the country of our friendly neighbours from 'over the river'. No matter what subject is discussed between our two Nations, nor how heated the debate may become the citizens of both countries still enjoy the longest undefended border in the world.

Over two hundred years ago, a few miles down the road at Niagara-On-The-Lake, the local militia received warrants to hold Craft Lodge meetings, and as is noted in our ritual, if I may paraphrase "it has spread over the habitable surface of the peninsula and beyond". Niagara Lodge No 2 still meets there to this day in the same Masonic Temple located at King and Prideaux Street.

Companions, before I go further I would like to mention an occurrence that took place last Fall. Many of you are aware that on November 5, 1998 I was attending my Lodge in the Scarborough area for what was to be a special night for me. Unfortunately, shortly after my arrival I took sick and was transported by ambulance to the hospital, where I remained for five days, being treated for pneumonia.

On my return home, and for many days and weeks afterwards I received a number of 'Get Well' cards of concerned Brethren and Companions from throughout the jurisdiction. So many cards and calls that I did not know how I could properly respond. I decided that I would express my thanks during this address.

The comments of concern, and the kind words for a speedy recovery helped Geraldine and I to get through that period. We express our sincere thanks to everyone, collectively, for the thoughts and words of encouragement that were forwarded to us.

This illness caused me to cancel twenty-one visits from my 1998 itinerary. I offer my sincere thanks to the Companions who represented this Grand First Principal at some of these functions which allowed the planned programs to proceed in my absence. All in all, Geraldine and I consider ourselves fortunate and increasingly richer by your support and your words of endearment. Thank you everyone for that support.

The first year as your Grand First Principal has passed very quickly with a busy schedule of events having taken place throughout our jurisdiction. My thanks to the Companions, and their ladies, for their attendance during my visits to your Chapter meetings and Social Events.

The past twelve months are now part of our history and we are busy preparing for the next twelve months. We are now in the fourth month of the one hundredth year of this twentieth century. During the last ten decades we have experienced and witnessed many trials and tribulations and received the benefits of great deeds performed by dedicated men and women of the world. Let us continue with our dedication to work for the future of Freemasonry

Companions I would encourage you to continue with your financial support of our Royal Arch Charities. Your donations to the Medical Research Fund assist our medical scientists to try and discover cures to so many dreadful diseases which still afflict the human race. Also, the support of our Bursary Fund will enable your Grand Chapter to assist our students to complete their studies as they prepare for the challenges of tomorrow.

My appreciation to the Companions of Niagara District No. 7 for hosting this Grand Convocation. To the Grand Superintendent, Right Excellent Companion Gregory Faraday, to the General Chairman, Right Excellent Companion David Laskey and to the Companions and ladies who have planned and worked many hours that we may enjoy a successful Convocation, my sincere thanks for your efforts and for a job well done.

To the Grand First Principals, Grand High Priests and Companions of our Canadian sister jurisdictions, my thanks for your attendance and support to this Grand Chapter. Also, to the Grand High Priests and Companions from south of the border, or as I have learned to say since moving into the Niagara Peninsula, 'from over the river' a sincere welcome to you all. May your visit be memorable and we look forward to future opportunities of sharing your company.

We are pleased to receive and recognize Companions who are presiding officers and representatives of our Concordant Masonic bodies. We enjoy the fraternal friendships of each other as the Concordant bodies work together for the benefit of Freemasonry. May you enjoy a pleasant stay with us during this Convocation.

It is my honour to recognize Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother William T Anderson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. A warm welcome to you, we appreciate you finding the time in a busy schedule to attend our 141st Grand Convocation.

My congratulations and our thanks to you for the manner in which you have served your office as our Grand Master. This Grand First Principal, and our Grand Chapter will continue to support the work and ideals of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

NECROLOGY:- Our Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion Ian D Nichols, has presented a complete report on the Fraternal Dead and conducted a Memorial Service to the memory of Companions who have passed to the Grand Chapter Above during the past twelve months. We also include in our prayers those Companions of our sister jurisdictions as they mourn the loss of their members. As we offer our prayers, let us remember the comradeship and good times shared with our Companions. They have been true and faithful to their obligation and having completed their tasks, have laid down their working tools to enjoy eternal rest. There is a well know saying that is appropriate to this situation... LEST WE FORGET.

On Monday, March 8, 1999 we in this Grand Chapter lost another unforgettable Mason in the person of Most Excellent Companion William Simpson Thomson. My thanks to M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett for accepting the responsibility of preparing and presenting The Memoriam to our Past Grand First Principal.

On Monday, March 29, 1999, in Peterborough we were advised of the passing to the Grand Chapter Above of a very dedicated Mason. Right Excellent Companion Lloyd Bertram Gillespie. R.Ex.Comp. Gillespie was in his ninety-ninth year and served this Grand Chapter in a variety of offices. He was also the last Companion appointed to the Honourary Grand Executive - lifetime appointment. R.Ex.Comp. Gillespie shared his wealth of knowledge with his fellow Companions as they became involved in the operations of our Grand Chapter, and that includes this Grand First Principal. He loved his Masonry and for those of us that had the honour to know him, and to work with him we are better men for having had that opportunity. Lloyd Bertram Gillespie - Rest In Peace, you will be missed .

BENEVOLENCE:- Right Excellent Companion Kenneth L Whiting and his Benevolence Committee, continue to apply their expertise to the duties of this most important aspect of Masonry. All Companions are encouraged to notify the Benevolence Committee of a Companion, or a Companion's widow, who may be in need of assistance. Such information will allow us to assist them in their time of need.

CONSTITUTION:- Once again the Presiding Officer of our Grand Chapter has been obliged to deal with breaches of our Constitution. This year there were twenty-eight First Principals who failed to have the Annual Returns of his Chapter submitted to the Grand Chapter office on or before January 31st. This breach of the Constitution results in the Principals and all Past Principals of the delinquent Chapter forfeiting their voting privileges at this Annual Convocation.

It was also my unpleasant duty this year to disqualify Companions from seeking elective office in this Grand Chapter according to Section: BALLOT PAPERS of our Constitution.

PAST RANK:- I have received a request from Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226 of Perth, Ontario to grant Past Rank to Excellent Companion Murray Cameron Kirkpatrick. Excellent Companion Kirkpatrick was Installed and Invested as the First Principal on February 24, 1998 and served his Chapter in that capacity until his death on September 20, 1998.

A request was received from Maple-Granite Chapter No. 61 of Carleton Place, Ontario to grant Past First Principal Rank on Excellent Companion Frederick Alexander McTavish. Excellent Companion McTavish was Installed as Third Principal in January, 1957. Due to unforeseen circumstances Excellent Companion McTavish was unable to advance to the office of Second Principal nor to First Principal. Excellent Companion McTavish is now eighty-five years of age, and over the years he has continued to serve his Chapter with his presence and support.

On March 8, 1999 a request was submitted by Shuniah Chapter No. 82 of Thunder Bay, Ontario to grant Past First Principal Rank on Excellent Companion Clifford Gerald Friday and Excellent Companion James Paul Sanderson. In January, 1998 Excellent Companion Sanderson was Installed as the First Principal of Shuniah Chapter No. 82. He served the Chapter in this capacity until the Amalgamation of Shuniah Chapter No. 82 with Fort William Chapter No. 140.

Due to the negotiated officer line up for the amalgamated Chapters, as well as a pressing business arrangement, Excellent Companion Sanderson did not continue in the Principal's chair. He served as First Principal for a period of nine months and continues to be active in his Chapter. Excellent Companion Clifford Gerald Friday was Installed as First Principal of Fort William Chapter No. 140 in March, 1998. Fort William Chapter No. 140 amalgamated with Shuniah Chapter No. 82 in September, 1998 and Excellent Companion Friday was Proclaimed as First Principal of the newly amalgamated Chapters. In January, 1999 Shuniah Chapter No. 82 held their Installation Ceremony and Excellent Companion Friday was Invested as a Past First Principal. Excellent Companion Friday served the office of First Principal of the two Chapters for a total of ten months.

I am pleased to recommend that the rank of Past First Principal be conferred upon Excellent Companions Frederick Alexander McTavish, Clifford Gerald Friday, James Paul Sanderson and posthumously to the late Excellent Companion Murray Cameron Kirkpatrick.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:- During this past year I had the opportunity to recommend the following Companion as a Grand Representative near our Grand Chapter. The Companion received his commission and has been duly obligated.

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| R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell | Mexico |

I was also pleased to approve Commissions for the following Companions as our Grand Representatives near our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

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| Ex.Comp. David L Lloyd | Michigan |
| V.Ex.Comp. T G Kavanagh | South Australia |

To all of our Grand Representatives I extend my gratitude and thanks to each of you and I do encourage you to continue with the proper communications with your counterpart. There are still reports being submitted identifying the lack of such communications from the representative of some of our sister jurisdictions. Never the less I would ask that our Companions maintain their correspondence that it may be shown that the Grand Chapter of Ontario desires to continue this important contact with our sister jurisdictions.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS:- The Companions of our seventeen districts annually nominate and elect an Excellent Companion to the office of Grand Superintendent in their respective District. The Companion so nominated and elected must then apply his expertise to oversee the activities and work of the Chapters within his District. He will also be recognized as the representative of the Grand First Principal in carrying out those duties and responsibilities. My congratulations and thanks to those Companions who have served the office of Grand Superintendent during the past year.

To those Grand Chapter officers who are about to complete their term in office, our thanks to you for your interest in being part of this Grand Chapter and I extend my best wishes to each of you in your future endeavours.

DISPENSATIONS:- During the past twelve months there have been 97 dispensations issued, most dealing with matters of a routine nature in the operation of our Chapters. Some of these dispensations were to hold 'Master Mason's Nights' or social events when the Chapter would host their ladies and Lodge brethren. It is always a pleasure for us in Grand Chapter to encourage and support these programs.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS:- For Dedicated service to our Chapters the following long service jewels, bars or certificates were issued to our Companions:-

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| Past First Principal's Certificate | 29 | 60 years a Past First Principal | 1 |
| 50 years a Royal Arch Mason | 33 | 50 years a Past First Principal | 6 |
| 25 years a Past First Principal | 28 | | |

To the Companions receiving these awards, our sincere congratulations, and I thank you for your commitment and participation to Capitular Masonry. We continue to issue the lapel pin for those Companions who have attained a twenty-five year membership.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:- The 1998 recipients of this award have been invited to this Grand Convocation to be the guests of Grand Chapter at our annual banquet. I would ask that any of the Companions present who have received this award please stand and be recognized...thank you. During this Grand Convocation a member of the Committee has reported the names of the Companions to be recognized this year. I thank those Companions for their dedication to their Chapter and to Freemasonry, you are, indeed a credit to our Fraternity.

ANNIVERSARIES:- Streetsville, Monday, November 23, 1998 - the Companions of Centennial Chapter No. 260 celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Chapter having been Constituted. Included in this special event was the ceremony of closing the Chapter and the surrender of the Charter. For many months the Chapter had been experiencing difficulty in assembling a quorum for their meetings. In frustration, the Companions decided to close the Chapter and return their warrant to Grand Chapter. A 'Closing the Chapter' ceremony was written and under the supervision of our Grand Lecturer, Right Excellent Companion James W. Reid, the Chapter was closed. My thanks to M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell for representing the Grand First Principal at this ceremony, as I was still recovering from my illness. To Right Excellent Companion Guenther Gahs, and his fellow Companions who worked so diligently to try and keep Centennial Chapter active, but did not receive the necessary backing of the membership, my sincere thanks for your efforts and your continued support of this Grand First Principal and our Grand Chapter.

On March 6, 1999 at the Mocha Shrine Temple in London two of our Chapters in London District No. 2 celebrated anniversaries. Nilestown Chapter No. 247 celebrated their 75th Anniversary and Palestine Chapter No. 54 of St. Thomas was recognized for the 125th Anniversary. It was my privilege to be present at this joint celebration in recognition of having achieved these milestones in Capitular Masonry. I offer my congratulations and best wishes to the Companions as they continue to apply their efforts to the prosperous future of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District.

APPOINTMENTS:- In keeping with our Constitution, Section 50, subsection (e), for dedicated service rendered to our Grand Chapter, I recommend the conferring of Honourary Membership in the Grand Executive Committee on Right Excellent Companion David G Walker and Right Excellent Companion Roland A Paddle.

AMALGAMATIONS:- Thunder Bay, September 2, 1998 accompanied by officers of this Grand Chapter we took part in the Amalgamation Ceremony of Shuniah Chapter No. 82 and Fort William Chapter No. 140. After many hours of meetings by dedicated Companions of these two Chapters a request was made to Grand Chapter to visit Thunder Bay and perform this ceremony. I congratulate the Companions of the newly amalgamated Shuniah Chapter No. 82 and wish for them a successful and busy future in Capitular Masonry.

Ingersoll - October 27, 1998 I had the privilege to preside at the amalgamation ceremony of Oxford Chapter No. 18 and Harris Chapter No. 41. It is the sincere wish of Grand Chapter that this newly amalgamated Chapter in the Wilson District No. 3 will continue to flourish and Advance many new members.

Due to the loss of membership in some of our Chapters amalgamation is considered an acceptable alternative which permits the Companions of two Chapters to meld as they continue to practice Royal Arch Masonry and we in Grand Chapter support these ideals. At the present time there are six other Chapters considering amalgamation; two in London District, two in Huron District and two in Ottawa District.

TRUSTEESHIP:- The Malloch Chapter No. 66, Hensall was placed under the trusteeship of Very Excellent Companion Denis Langridge of Huron District No. 6 for the purpose of seeking amalgamation with Elliott Chapter No. 129, Mitchell.

DEDICATION:- On Saturday, January 23, 1999 the members of Grand Chapter, together with other visiting Companions, assembled in the City of Chatham. The Companions of Wellington - MacNabb Chapter No. 47 had made the request to Grand Chapter to dedicate their new home at 430 Riverview Drive. The property, the Chapter room and the banquet facilities are a credit to the foresight and planning of the Brethren and Companions of Chatham. The ceremony of Dedicating the Chapter room was followed by a dinner with our ladies. Good luck in your new home.

PUBLIC RELATIONS and THE KEYSTONE:- The members of our Public Relations Committee have been busy with presentations at many Masonic functions throughout the Province. The addition of 'table top' display panels allows the Companions to make their presentations in different locations, and occasionally at the same time. A few of these locations were the Grand Lodge Communication in July, and in September, the annual International Ploughing Match at Sunbury and the Western Fair in London. My thanks to R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor and his committee members for their dedication.

Congratulations for a job well done is extended to R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Miller for his work in preparing the new format, and distributing the latest publication of The Keystone. Should any of the Chapters or a Companion have an item they deem to be of interest, and that they would like to see it in print, forward the information to our new editor for consideration.

INSTALLATIONS:- During my travels over the past twelve months I have been pleased to attend the Installation Ceremony of several of our Chapters. I was also in attendance for the Installation of presiding officers in the Concordant Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction.

VISITATIONS:- Since being Installed as your Grand First Principal one year ago, I have almost literally travelled the length and breadth of our jurisdiction. On some of these trips I have been accompanied by my wife Geraldine, and on all visits we have been cordially and warmly welcomed into your cities, towns, Chapters and occasionally your home. The hand of welcome and the bond of friendship was always present and much appreciated.

I was also able to represent our Grand Chapter at Concordant Masonic assemblies and in one of our sister jurisdiction's Convocation

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| May 8-9 1998 | 181st Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont and the 145th Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters Colchester, Vermont |
| June 29--July 1 | Imperial Sessions of the A.A.O.N.M.S. Orlando, Florida |
| July 14-16 | 143rd Annual Communication Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario Toronto, Ontario |
| July 22-26 | 40th Annual Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| August 20-21 | 63rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada Kingston, Ontario |
| August 21-25 | 115th Annual Assembly of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Kingston, Ontario |

With a great deal of pleasure, I shall always remember my travels and visits during this past year and the sharing of Fraternal relations with the Brethren and Companions that I have met along the way. A complete list of those visits is appended to this report.

SPECIAL RECEPTIONS:- I have had the honour to be received and recognized, along with Geraldine, at four receptions during the past year. Having been involved in similar events I know and appreciate the time consuming planning that it takes to host a dinner reception. To the Companions and their ladies that prepared and presented these special occasions, our sincere thank you for your kind considerations to us.

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| August 29, 1998 | Picton, Prince Edward District No. 11with the ladies |
| October 8 | Ottawa, Ottawa District No. 13 with the ladies |
| January 23, 1999 | Chatham, St. Clair District No. 1 with the ladies |
| March 6 | London, London District No. 2 with the ladies |

During my travels to Algoma District No. 14, New Ontario District No. 15 and Temiskaming District No. 16, I and the Grand Chapter officers and ladies travelling with me were made most welcome. The following social events were prepared and we certainly enjoyed that well known, traditional northern hospitality of our Companions.

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| August 31, 1998 | Sudbury, Tuscan Chapter No. 95 |
| September 1 | Sault St. Marie, Algonquin Chapter No. 102 with the ladies. |
| September 3 | Fort Francis, Alberton Chapter No. 152 a working luncheon. |
| September 3 | Kenora, Golden Chapter No. 90 |
| September 5 | Geraldton, Kenogamisis Chapter No. 266 a working luncheon. |
| September 6 | Timmins, Northern Lights Chapter No. 213 a dinner with the ladies. |

APPRECIATION:- To my wife, Geraldine for her moral support to me while I followed my chosen path in our Grand Chapter, and on those occasions when she joined with me and your ladies during the social events throughout the jurisdiction.

To the Past Grand First Principals for their unselfish response to assist or to support me in my duties as the Presiding Officer of this Grand Chapter. My appreciation for their encouragement and I look forward to working with them during the next twelve months as I work through the second half of my term in office.

My appreciation to my fellow Grand Council members, Right Excellent Companion John W McGill, Grand Second Principal and Right Excellent Companion M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal. Your support, attendance and participation at the various functions is evidence of your dedication for the future of our Grand Chapter.

To the office staff of our Grand Chapter, generally but specifically to the Grand Scribe Ezra, Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J Duke, my sincere thanks. Thank you for your dedication to the operations of this Grand Chapter and for those times when you express your wise counsel and words of encouragement.

CONCLUSION:- Companions, your attendance at this our 141st Grand Convocation is very much appreciated by this Grand First Principal. We will hear from the chairmen of our various committees as they report on the events of the past year and make plans for the pending approach to the twenty-first century. For the many courtesies, support and loyalty that has been extended to me, I am very grateful. May the Great Jehovah continue to watch over each one of us while we strive to work for the benefit of our fellow man and the future of our Royal Arch Masonry.

Thank you and may God Bless you Companions.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that the Address of the Grand First Principal be received by this Grand Chapter and that it be referred to a Special Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address and that Committee report thereon at this Convocation. CARRIED.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ITINERARY
APRIL 26th, 1998 - APRIL 18th, 1999

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| April 1998 | 26 | Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Hamilton - Grand Convocation |
| | 30 | Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests No.93 - Etobicoke |
| May | 1 | Pyramid Council No.7, Royal & Select Masters - Niagara Falls |
| | 2 | Holy Land Conclave No.3 - Thornhill |
| | 4 | Etobicoke Lodge No.17 - Royal Ark Mariners, Installation - Streetsville |

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| May | 5 | Ivy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.115 - Beamsville |
| 1998 | 6 | Victoria Chapter No.205 - Thornhill |
| | 7 | The Beaches Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.473, Installation - Scarborough |
| | 8 | Hamilton Consistory A.A.S.R. - class luncheon - Hamilton |
| | | Mount Moriah Chapter No.19 - St. Catharines |
| | 9 | Couchiching Chapter No.198, Installation and picnic - Orillia |
| | 11 | Kichikewana Chapter No.167 - Installation - Midland |
| | 12 | Signet Chapter No.34 - Installation - Barrie |
| | 14 | Regal-Ezra Chapter No.23 - Simcoe |
| | 20 | King Cyrus Chapter No.232 - Special regalia and D.S.A. presentation |
| | 25 | Composite Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.30 - 50 year jewel presentation for R.Wor.Bro. John W. McGill |
| | 26 | King David Chapter No.262, special dinner presentation - Burlington |
| | 27 | St. John's Chapter No.3 fraternal visit - London |
| | 28 | Grand Assembly, Royal & Select Masters of Ontario - Chatham |
| June | 1 | Plantaganet Preceptory No.8 - St. Catharines |
| | 2 | King Solomon's Chapter No.8, fraternal visit - Scarborough |
| | 3 | Sir William York Rite College No.57, Installation - Hamilton |
| | 6 | Athelstan York Rite College No.41, Installation - Etobicoke |
| | 7 | Grand Chapter Convocation & Grand Assembly, Royal & Select Masters of Vermont Colchester, Vermont |
| | 10 | Niagara Chapter No.55, fraternal visit - Niagara-On-The-Lake |
| | 12 | Mount Moriah Chapter No.19, monthly meeting - St. Catharines |
| | 13 | Seymour York Rite College U.D., official visit - St. Catharines |
| | 15 | Prince Edward Chapter No.31, fraternal visit - Picton |
| | 16 | Presqu'ile Chapter No.144, fraternal Visit - Brighton |
| | 17 | Lebanon Chapter No.220, annual strawberry night - Etobicoke |
| | 20 | 1999 Convocation committee meeting, St. Catharines |
| | 24 | Wawanosh Chapter No.15, fraternal visit - Sarnia |
| | 25 | A.A.O.N.M.S., Annual Shrine Imperial Sessions - Orlando, Florida |
| July | 14 | Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario Annual Communication - Toronto |
| | 22 | York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Annual Assembly - Grand Rapids, Michigan |
| | 29 | 1999 Convocation committee meeting, Niagara Falls |
| | 30 | Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests No.93 - Etobicoke |
| August | 7 | Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, Annual Assembly - London |
| | 13 | Georgian District No.8 annual bar-b-que - Midland |
| | 20 | Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Annual Assembly Kingston |
| | 21 | The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Annual Assembly - Kingston |
| | 24 | Breakfast meeting with the Past Grand First Principals/Grand High Priests of Canada as guest speaker - Kingston |
| | 25 | Meeting with the Presiding Officers of the Concordant Masonic Bodies, of Canada - Kingston |
| | 27 | 2000 Convocation committee meeting - Kitchener |
| | 29 | Prince Edward District No.11 - dinner reception with the ladies - Picton |
| | 31 | Dinner meeting with Companions of Tuscan Chapter No.95 - Sudbury |
| September | 1 | Algonquin Chapter No.102, dinner/business meeting, Companions and ladies Sault Ste. Marie |

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| September | 2 | Shuniah Chapter No.82 and Fort William Chapter No.140, Amalgamation - Thunder Bay |
| | 3 | Alberton Chapter No. 152, business luncheon with Companions and ladies - Fort Frances |
| | | Golden Chapter No.90, dinner meeting with the Companions - Kenora |
| | | fraternal visit to Keewatin Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.417 - Keewatin |
| | 5 | Kenogamisis Chapter No.266, luncheon business meeting with the Companions - Geraldton |
| | 6 | Northern Lights Chapter No.213, dinner meeting with the Companions and ladies - Timmins |
| | 11 | A.A.O.N.M.S. Mocha Shrine Temple, guest speaker - London |
| | 12 | Allied Masonic Degrees, Scarboro Council No.175 - Markham |
| | 14 | 1999 Convocation committee meeting - Niagara Falls |
| | 15 | Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario - annual International Ploughing Match - Sunbury |
| | | Reception for the Grand Master, Kingston Shrine Club - Kingston |
| | 17 | 2000 Convocation committee meeting, Four Points Hotel, Kitchener |
| | 19 | Allied Masonic Degrees, Burlington Council No.70 - Milton |
| | | Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Garden City Forest No.173 - Milton |
| | 23 | Grand First Principal's Advisory Committee Meeting, Rameses Shrine Temple - Toronto |
| | 24 | St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory No.19, regular meeting - Port Colborne |
| | 25 | Grand Chapter business meeting with Grand Scribe Ezra - Kitchener |
| | 26 | Holy Land Conclave No.3 regular meeting - Thornhill |
| | 28 | Aurora Chapter No.235 dinner & Installation - Aurora |
| | 29 | Toronto Districts 8- 8A Principals' Association - Thornhill |
| October | 1 | The Beaches Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.473, regular meeting - Scarborough |
| | 2 | Pyramid Council No.7 Royal & Select Masters, regular meeting - Niagara Falls |
| | 3 | Knight York Cross of Honour, regular meeting - London |
| | 5 | Visit to Ottawa District No.13 Dochert Chapter No.248, M.M.M. Degree - Arnprior |
| | 6 | Bonnechere No.114, Installation - Renfrew |
| | 7 | Maple-Granite Chapter No.61, fraternal visit - Carleton Place |
| | 8 | Westboro Masonic Hall, dinner reception with the Companions and ladies - Ottawa |
| | 10 | Athelstan York Rite College No.41, regular meeting - Etobicoke |
| | 12 | Scarborough Lodge No.653, Police Degree Team, visit by the Grand Master - Scarborough |
| | 13 | 2000 Convocation committee meeting - Kitchener |
| | 14 | Hamilton District Preceptors' Association, semi-annual dinner meeting - Hamilton |
| | 15 | A.A.S.R. Toronto Valley. 125th Anniversary dinner - Scarborough |
| | 17 | Royal & Select Masters of Ontario, annual Field Day - Thornhill |
| | 21 | King Cyrus Chapter No.232, annual elections - Toronto |
| | 22 | St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory No.19, regular meeting - Port Colborne |
| | 24 | Orient Chapter No.79, Installation and Ladies Night - Scarborough |
| | 27 | Oxford Chapter No.18 and Harris Chapter No.41, Amalgamation - Ingersoll |
| | 28 | Niagara District No.7 Principals' Association, semi-annual meeting - Welland |

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| October | 29 | Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests No.93, regular meeting - Etobicoke |
| 1998 | 31 | Seymour York Rite College U.D. Constituted - St. Catharines |
| November | 2 | Keystone Council No.20 Royal & Select Masters, regular meeting - Streetsville |
| | 3 | Ivy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.115, regular meeting - Beamsville |
| | 5 | The Beaches Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.473, presentation of regalia - Scarborough |
| | 6 | St. John's Chapter No. 3, London Installation and Investiture of Deputy Grand Master as a Past First Principal. |
| January | 4 | St. John's Chapter No.3, St. George's Chapter No.5, London Chapter No.150 |
| 1999 | | The St. Andrew Chapter No.238 and Nilestown No.247, Joint Installation |
| | 5 | Ivy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.115, Installation - Beamsville |
| | 7 | The Beaches Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.473,. regular meeting - Scarborough |
| | 8 | Mount Moriah Chapter No.19, Installation - St.. Catharines |
| | 9 | Peel Chapter No.195, Installation and Ladies Night - Brampton |
| | 11 | Grand Chapter office business meeting - Hamilton |
| | 12 | Hugh Murray Chapter No.184, Installation - Fort Erie |
| | 13 | Niagara Chapter No.55, Installation - Niagara-On-The-Lake |
| | 16 | 1999 Convocation committee meeting - St. Catharines |
| | 18 | Doric Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.382, Installation - Hamilton |
| | 22 | Wellington-MacNabb Chapter No.47, dedication of Chapter room and dinner reception with the Companions and ladies - Chatham |
| | 26 | Ionic Chapter No.83, Installatíon - Orangeville |
| | 28 | St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory No.19, regular meeting - Port Colborne |
| | 29 | Toronto Districts 8 & 8A Principals' Association annual dinner, meeting - Thornhill |
| February | 1 | Grand Chapter office, business meting - Hamilton |
| | | Keystone Council No.20 Royal & Select Masters, regular meeting - Streetsville |
| | 2 | Ivy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.115 regular meeting - Beamsville |
| | 5 | Great Lakes Lodge No.7 Royal Ark Mariners, Emergent Meeting - Niagara Falls |
| | 12 | Mount Moriah Chapter No.19, regular meeting - St. Catharines |
| | 13 | Holy Land Conclave No.3, official visit - Thornhill |
| | | Grand Executive meeting, Royal & Select Masters of Ontario - Hamilton |
| | 15 | McCallum-Grimsby Chapter No.29, M.M.M. Degree - Dunnville |
| | 17 | King Cyrus Chapter No.232, regular meeting - Toronto |
| | 25 | St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory No.19, regular meeting - Port Colborne |
| | 27 | Seymour York Rite College No.185, official visit - St. Catharines |
| March | 1 | Keystone Council No.20 Royal & Select Masters, elections - Streetsville |
| | 2 | Ivy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.115, regular meeting, Beamsville |
| | 3 | Grand Council member's meeting - Grand Chapter office - Hamilton |
| | 5 | Grand Chapter Grand Executive meeting - Nilestown |
| | | Anniversary dinner reception with the Companions and ladies |
| | 12 | Masonic Memorial Service for M.Ex.Comp. William S. Thomson - Oakville |
| | 13 | Funeral Service for M.Ex.Comp. William S. Thomson |
| | | Knox Presbyterian Church - Oakville |
| | 16 | Lebanon Chapter No.84, fraternal visit - Wingham |
| | 17 | King Cyrus Chapter No.232, regular meeting - Toronto |

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| March | 19 | Hamilton District No.5 annual Principals' Association dinner - Hamilton |
| | 20 | 1999 Convocation committee meeting - St. Catharines |
| | 25 | St. Bernard de Clairveaux Preceptory No.19 regular meeting - Port Colborne |
| | 27 | Seymour York Rite College No.185, elections - St. Catharines |
| | 29 | Seven Toronto Districts A.F. & A.M. reception for the Grand Master, with the ladies - Toronto |
| April | 1 | The Beaches Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 473, presentation of regalia - Scarborough |
| | 2 | Pyramid Council No.7 Royal & Select Masters - regular meeting - Niagara Falls |
| | 3 | Holy Land Conclave No.3 regular meeting - Thornhill |
| | 5 | Keystone Council No.20 Royal &Select Masters, Installation - Streetsville |
| | 6 | Ivy Lodge A.F. & A.M. No.115, official visit-D.D.G.M. - Beamsville |
| | 7 | Hamilton District Preceptors' Association, semi-annual dinner meeting - Hamilton |
| | 11 | Niagara District No.7 annual Divine Church Service - Fort Erie |
| | 14 | Grand Chapter Annual Convocation - Niagara Falls |

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I am pleased, as Chairman of this Committee, to present its report. The Constitution of Grand Chapter requires this Committee to review and examine all applications by Constituent Chapters to amend Chapter bylaws. Since the last annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, your Committee has received from the Grand Scribe Ezra a number of applications to amend bylaws. These have been examined and returned to the Grand Scribe Ezra with the Committee's recommendation for approval. The bylaws of the following Chapters were amended accordingly: St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hamilton, Grenville Chapter No. 22, Prescott, Warkworth Chapter No. 110, Warkworth, St. Patrick Chapter No. 145, Newmarket, Ionic Chapter No, 168, Campbellford, Temiskaming Chapter No. 169, Haileybury, Hugh Murray Chapter No. 184, Fort Erie, Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton, Oakwood Chapter No. 233, Pickering, Espanola Chapter No. 257, Espanola, Tecumseh Chapter No. 264, Tottenham.

Application to amend the bylaws of St. John's Chapter No. 3 has been received from the Grand Scribe Ezra and until further material is filed, approval is pending. There are several other applications to amend bylaws currently under review by the Committee which will be transmitted to the Grand Scribe Ezra in due course.

Your Committee was asked to comment (from a legal point of view) on a Resolution of the Investment Committee of Grand Chapter with respect to investment of Grand Chapter funds in mutual funds with particular reference to the Trustee Act of Ontario.

A legal opinion was delivered as requested that mutual funds were not acceptable for Trustee investment at this time, although it is expected that Ontario laws will change in this regard in the future as result of ongoing changes to the Trustee Act of Ontario.

The Companion's attention is again directed to the provisions of Section 79 of the Grand Chapter Constitution. It is here that the requirements for making changes or amendments to Chapter by-laws is spelled out in detail, particularly in Section 79 (d) appearing on Page 63. Your Committee urges all Companions, when consulted about the amendments to Chapter by-laws, that a careful examination of Section 79 (d) be made as the requirements are therein set out in detail. Supplies of the necessary forms may be obtained through the office of the Grand Scribe Ezra.

No Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution have been presented this year and accordingly your Committee makes no comment in that area.

Your Committee would like to go on record as expressing our sincere appreciation to M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke for their patience and complete cooperation during the past year with the Committee.

The Committee is composed of R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer with the undersigned as Chairman. All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee. V.Ex.Comp. Norman E Byrne, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill and myself, V.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Byrne that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Another year has passed and how quickly it has come and gone. The Grand Chapter Bursary Committee over the past year had another busy year going over the applications that have been sent to us to consider. Thirty one applications were received from the various Chapters sponsoring children related to our Chapter Companions. Of these applications, twenty eight were accepted and three had to be unfortunately refused.

The applications in some cases are not being filled in properly, which causes long delays in processing the applications. Time should be taken by those who first see these applications to insure that each of the areas are completed by all concerned. We on the committee can not second guess on the answers not being completed. The proper procedure for processing the applications is also an essential part of handling the applications and must go through the Chapter representatives, then to the Grand Superintendents, before being sent to the Bursary Committee.

Applications received this year were from ten first year students, ten second year students, four third year students and four fourth year students.

Three students that were tuned down were all applicants who had already passed through university and college and were seeking post education. Our mandate does not allow for these students to be considered and are therefore not eligible for help, even though they could have used our help. The application clearly states that the application is for students who are entering university or college and that post graduate students are not eligible. These applications should be looked at more carefully by the sponsor and sponsoring Chapter, as well as the Grand Superintendent before being sent to us and then our having to send a letter to the student explaining why we cannot support them.

The twenty eight applicants that did receive a Bursary Award from the Grand Chapter, amounted to $5700.00 and along with the thousand dollars to the Toronto University Medical School, our total awarded for this year amounted to $6700.00.

I would personally like to thank all those who have contributed their hard earned dollars to the challenge which was issued at the Grand Chapter Convocation last year in Hamilton, that of donating one dollar per member to the Grand Chapter Bursary Fund. Unfortunately the donations were shy of our goal by about two thousand dollars, but with your help, we can still reach this goal. At the Grand First Principal's Social in the Canadiana Room in the hotel, the Bursary Keystone will be displayed and any contribution in lieu of being charged for your refreshments would be gratefully accepted. Our goal is in sight, and the end result is what we are striving for, the opportunity to help as many of our Chapter children to reach their educational goals. To this end Companions I thank you for your support.

On a personal note, I thank the Grand First Principal's for the past eight years for allowing me the opportunity to be part of the Grand Chapter Bursary Committee, first as a Committee Member and for the past five years as the Chairman. This has been an experience that I will never forget. I have had the opportunity to follow the educational desires of many students from their entrance in university to finally getting their degree. The progress of these students has been shown by their marks that they have achieved through these years. Due to the regulations within our Grand Chapter I must step down from the Bursary Committee.

To my fellow Committee members from over the years and to the present I thank you for your cooperation that you have shown me over the years, it is greatly appreciated. I hope that you will show this same interest within the new committee to continue to reach our goals. My thanks also goes to the Grand Scribe Ezra for his help in keeping me on the right path.

To the Grand First Principal and those who will follow, I offer my services to use where you may find a need in helping this Grand Chapter. Companions I thank you.

Respectfully submitted by V.Ex.Comps. Dennis Langridge, Fred Lewis, Robert Wylie, R.Ex.Comps. George Chambers, Michel Sastre, M.Ex.Comp. Robert Jackson, R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 11:45 a.m. the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 1:15 p.m.

## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 1:15 p.m. the Grand First Principal directed The Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Grand Representatives Committee is once again pleased to report on its activities for the past Masonic Year. This committee, now in its seventh year, wishes to thank the Grand First Principal, for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

In the past, we have spoken about "Communication", and the communication changes and challenges we will all face in the future. With the new millennium looming on the horizon, the future is now! We urge all Grand Representatives to communicate with your counterpart by any means at your disposal, whether it be by mail, fax, E-mail, telephone or in person. The important object is to exchange your plans, designs and ideas with another Royal Arch Mason, and in doing, Capitular Masonry in general will benefit and the future growth of our beloved "Royal Craft" will be ensured.

The committee wishes to express their gratitude to the past Grand Representatives who have laboured long and faithfully for our Grand Chapter, and who, through their tireless and unselfish efforts, helped to shape and re-shape the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, we have today, which now enjoys the highest esteem from our sister jurisdictions...THANK YOU!

We, the committee, congratulate our Grand First Principal, on the latest recommendations for appointments, the results of which will be made known in the very near future.

May The Master Architect and Creator watch over all Royal Arch Masons wherever assembled and grant them the strength to hold the banner of CAPITULAR MASONRY high, so that all the world may appreciate our good works, that we might attract "men of good spirit and upright intentions".

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, R.Ex.Comps. Brian R Simpson, Richard W Stevenson, C Gordon Sinclair and David A Rogers, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We are pleased to report that this Committee has been involved in a number of activities during the past year. Editing, the addition of amendments passed at the 1998 Grand Convocation and proof reading enabled us to have the Constitution reprinted in a more complete form.

Deliberations continue regarding the composition of the Grand Executive, especially appointments and the duration of those terms. The process is deliberately slow to ensure that any proposed changes would, in fact, contribute to a more effective organization. Further work will also be undertaken to realign some of the paragraphs to more appropriately place them in correct subject areas.

At this point, I would like to thank all who have assisted us and most especially the Grand Scribe Ezra for his ready support.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comp. W T Bulbeck, Chairman, M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker, R.Ex.Comps Guenther Gahs, James W Reid, David G Walker V.Ex.Comps. Shayne H. Eldridge and William M Collinson.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and Seconded by myself R.Ex.Comp. Walter T. Bulbeck that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED

## REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter, and to thank our Grand Scribe Ezra for his continuing advice and assistance.

Alabama: Report that there has been no report or correspondence with ANY jurisdictions. Report that any changes to the opening ceremonies will be changed by General Grand Chapter, not the Grand Chapter of Alabama.

Alberta: Grand First Principal's address covers a number of topics, i.e. Leadership, Communications and Morality in Freemasonry and example quote from Albert Einstein "Example if not the main thing in influencing the lives of others, It is the only thing" . Address Morality in Masonry by Ex.Comp. Dr. Lawrence McKender is worthy of reprinting for all Masons.

Connecticut: Celebrating 200th Anniversary this year. Still shows the Grand Scribe Ezra at former office with Toronto address. No fraternal correspondence received..

Delaware: Still shows Grand Scribe Ezra as former office with Toronto address..

Florida: Proclamation by Grand High Priest that one religious affirmation service during the month of October. Each Chapter Secretary to report attendance on prescribed form to Grand Scribe Ezra. Celebrated 150 years in 1997. One third response to Grand Reps questionnaire. Recommend a workshop be scheduled during the Annual Meeting to define the position and the techniques to do a better job.

Indiana Amendment to the Book of Law to allow Past Grand High Priests to open and close any subordinate Chapter in ample form.

Ireland: New office of Almoner was introduced at Grand Chapter and recommended that all Chapters elect an Almoner.

Manitoba: Celebrated 75th Anniversary. Grand Reps present gave a verbal report. There was no written report..

Maryland: Celebrated 200th Anniversary. Used Colonial uniform for Grand Chapter Officers. Reported that "Resolution of Loyalty" passed by our Grand Chapter. Not so! Considering a merger of Grand Chapter and Grand Council and withdrawal from General Grand Chapter, due to merger.

Mexico: 1998 report shows the History of their Grand Chapter and how this proud Grand Chapter has developed and grown.

Michigan: Have produced a Souvenir Year Book, 1996-1997. Send out Advance Report prior to Annual Report.

New Brunswick: Held "Hands Across the Border" meetings with Maine. They hold three Executive Meetings per year.

New York: The 1998 Report represents 200 years as Royal Arch Grand Chapter. M.Ex.Comp. Frank Russell represented Ontario and addressed this Grand Chapter. Have prepared a "New Companion Guide" for new members. Report by committee on Fraternal Correspondence is one that should be reproduced as required reading. It is a very perceptive report..

New South Wales and Australian Capitol Territory: Grand First Principal is also Grand Master. Grand Chapter meets regularly in February, May, August and November. Grand Chapter Installation is in September.

North Carolina: Still record former Grand Scribe Ezra with Toronto address. No report on fraternal correspondence. One representative at Great Smokies Summer Assembly.

Nova Scotia: In the process of changing and updating their Constitution. Two Past Most Excellent Companions were honoured by receiving Joseph Conways Brown Medallion in the persons of C W Emmett and F W Welham.

Ohio: Number of members required to open Chapter reduced from 10 to 8. Bulletin from Grand High Priest requesting: not to suspend anyone over 80 years of age. Personally contact each and every Companion before suspension. If Companion lives out of state, call him. Should Companion live out of state and you are unable to collect dues, furnish Grand High Priest with name, address, Chapter name and number. This supports the theme "NOW is the time to get personal" Final memo to Chapters from Grand High Priest, "If you love someone, tell them. Eternity is a long time to be silent and, if you remember nothing else, remember..My first lady and I love each and everyone of you" An excellent report from Grand Fraternal Correspondent!

Pennsylvania: Still recording previous Grand Scribe Ezra and old address. Report receiving only twenty-five (25) Annual Reports or thirty-five (35) percent of all jurisdictions. Use an Annual Report form by Grand Representative revised in 1997. It might be something that we should consider for our Representatives. This Grand Chapter meets three (3) time per year.

Saskatchewan: Use informal opening ceremonies on Friday night to recognize Distinguished Guest (Masonic and otherwise), presentation of Colours and Memorial services. Grand Opening Ceremonies on Saturday a.m. Hold a Commemorative Signing Ceremony to recognize 75 years of Grand Chapter in Saskatchewan

South Dakota: New Representative from Ontario is R.Ex.Comp. John Moore. Using one day Festivals with Grand Council and Grand Commandery

Tennessee: Use of York Rite Festivals advantageous because of Fellowship and Camaraderie .involved. However, more importantly because most Chapters cannot confer the work by themselves. Have conferred the Royal Arch Windows Degree. Religious Affirmation Day has received excellent support.

Vermont: Presented an Amnesty program for all suspended for lack of dues, provided the last year's dues are paid and all suspended members in the last 10 years be invited to participate..

To date we have received thirty-one (31) reports and would thank those Grand Representatives who are corresponding with their counterparts. Membership still seems to lessen, showing a loss of 2-7% below last year, but all Grand Chapters are working very hard to turn the tide. This is being accomplished with involvement of Grand Lodge and other York Rite bodies.

In closing, I would like to paraphrase the Grand Orator of Nevada. "The only way to get noticed in the community is to participate in it. We are being out marketed by other social organizations. When was the last time you saw a Masonic Golf Tournament for Charity? How about sponsoring a youth event at your Masonic Hall?

We are competing for the time of man. Nowadays, men don't have a lot of spare time. They will join a strong program of social involvement. There are far too many tragedies around us, but when one occurs where is the Masonic Organization to assist?

You will see the Lions and Rotary doing events but not the Masons. Why don't Masons put on a "Good" Spaghetti Dinner with all the proceeds going to the charity or relief fund?"

These are only a few ideas to help promote our way of life at either Lodge or Chapter and we are sure, that given some thoughts, you can come up with even better ideas. Good Luck!.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Simpson, B. Donald Lamont, Chairman.

Moved by Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and myself R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I am very pleased to report that no matters have been referred to the Committee subsequent to the 140th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted: V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the Archives Committee , I am pleased to submit this report. Our efforts this year have been to continue with the cataloguing of the many items that fall within our care. Our Committee has met on a number of occasions, with much of our work being done on weekends. We continue to organize and catalogue items, although there is much work remaining to be done.

We have now produced an up to date listing of the catalogued items, which have been left in the care of the Grand Scribe Ezra, so that inquiries may be made of him during times of our absence.

A number of items of Chapter Room Furnishings have been dispensed to the Chapters that were in need of them. We have received the records and furnishings of Chapters that have gone into darkness, and will retain these items untouched for a period of two years, in case the Chapter is once again brought into light.

In conclusion, Most Excellent Sir, the members of the Committee would like to extend our thanks for allowing us the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter, and also express our gratitude to R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, for his continued guidance and support of our Committee's efforts.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee. R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield, Melvyn J Duke, Ex.Comp. Dennis Hill, Comp. Gregor Flis, and V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey - Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE FORMS RETENTION and PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This committee, although newly formed, has had the pleasure of working closely with the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke to formulate a focus for our activities.

The Grand Scribe Ezra and this Committee's members have had many requests to have the Grand Chapter forms made available to the Scribe Ezra's of the Chapters in electronic format, ie on a diskette, or in a format that is transmittable over the Internet. The search for such an electronic format has been the focus of this Committee's work this year.

Over half of the Scribe Ezra's of the Chapters are using computers to do their work. There are a number of computer operating systems being used, and this diversity has been a challenge to overcome.

Recently, we have decided to test a document format called Adobe Acrobat PDF. which stands for 'portable document format'. Any Scribe Ezra using a small program called Acrobat Reader, can open these documents regardless of their computer operating system. Acrobat Reader is freely distributed and there is no cost for it's use. We have started a small testing program and if this small program is successful, we will expand it to include more Scribe Ezra's until we feel that it is the correct format for our needs.

We hope to be able to report at the next Grand Executive Meeting in the fall, that the trial has been completed and will prove this format successful or whether our search must continue

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee. R.Ex.Comps, Melvyn J Duke, C Gordon Sinclair and V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey-Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings.

## REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of The Investment Committee, it is our pleasure to make the following report.

Investment Portfolio details: Your attention is drawn to the audited financial statements as of February 18, 1999 for details on changes to the Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund), The Scholarship and Bursary Fund and General Fund (General Fund, Commuted Membership Fund and Victory Thanksgiving Benevolence Fund)

Portfolio Management: As Grand Chapter has a number of fixed income securities which mature in the next few years with reasonably high interest rates, the committee has a serious concern about far lower interest rates and the decline in market value of the mutual funds and as a result much reduced interest income in future years. As reported at the November 14, 1998 Grand Executive meeting, the investment Committee, after much discussion, approved the transfer of the management of our investment portfolio from Midland Walwyn (now Merrill Lynch) to Scotia Cassels Investment Counsel Limited.

Meetings: The Investment Committee held four meetings in 1998 during the period from March 1, 1998 to October 21, 1998. R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd Mellor was Chairman up to July 30, 1998 and Ex.Comp. Bev CW Alexander was appointed Chairman on that date by the Grand First Principal.

Appreciations: The Committee would like to express their gratitude to R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra and R.Ex.Comp. John Oldham, Grand Treasurer for all their valued assistance and advice during the past year with respect to our investments portfolio.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: M.Ex.Comps. William S Thompson (now deceased), R Frank Russell, R.Ex.Comps. John Oldham, Harold Hubble, Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon and Chairmen R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd Mellor and Ex.Comp. Bev CW Alexander.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself R.Ex.Comp. John Oldham that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

INTRODUCTION: It has once again been a busy year for your Grand Treasurer. The vast majority of my time has been spent on activities related to our investments.

During the year we: identified the need for professional financial management, which was approved at our Fall 1998 Grand Executive Meeting; selected a new manager; transferred our investments; and reorganized the portfolio. This has been a very involved, long, drawn out and quite complicated process. The end result is that our investments are now in professional hands, but the short term results are unpalatable as we have had to recognize a loss on our combined portfolios of approximately $55,000.

However, I do not necessarily believe that this is the end of the matter. I have written to our previous investment advisors, Merrill Lynch, formerly Midland Walwyn, to see what if anything they will do to make good our losses and costs. It is my personal belief that they will go some way to making good these losses.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: It is my privilege to present to you the financial statements of this Grand Chapter and its two charities for the year ended 28 February, 1999. These statements have been audited by the Hamilton office of Grant Thornton, formerly Doane Raymond, Chartered Accountants. I am pleased to say that we have received a clean audit report with the usual technical qualifications (re the natural inability to confirm the reason ability of the charitable donations received and the uncertainty of year 2000 issue on the organization).

This year the financial statements are presented in accordance with the new reporting requirements of the Canadian Institution of Chartered Accountants. We are continuing the process, started last year, of the two charities each having their own audit reports, with the difference this year that they are paying a nominal amount for the audit

Once again we are indebted to Grant Thornton, and in particular Comp. George F. Benton the managing partner on our audit, for his expert advice provided to the Grand Scribe Ezra and myself during the year.

Our net income is impacted by the following major items:

We are reporting a deficit for the year of approximately $3000. as against a surplus $23,000 for the previous year. This difference of $26,000 is comprised of a reduction in income of approximately $7000 as a result of lower portfolio yields, and decreased membership.

With the exception of the losses on our investment portfolio of $19000 expenses were flat year over year.

We do not anticipate any further portfolio losses but declining interest rates and membership indicate that our revenues will be down for the foreseeable future.

SUCCESSOR: During my term as Grand Treasurer, I have made no secret that the role, specifically as it relates to Investment activities, has taken up much more of my time than I anticipated. Too much time in fact, for someone who is still working full time. At the November 1997 meeting of the Executive Committee I provided some suggestions to the future Grand First Principals on the attributes they should consider when considering candidates for the position of Grand Treasurer.

SUMMARY: My time as Grand Treasurer has been eventful. It was not what I expected - I worked on things which I would rather not have, and did not do some things I would have liked. Problems were identified, a lot of difficult decisions were made, decisions which were not always palatable. However I believe that the Grand Chapter's investments are on a sound basis and that any mistakes made in previous years, regarding our investment portfolio and their accounting, have now been rectified.

In concluding I thank M.Ex.Comps. Harry D Turner and R Frank Russell and R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke for their constant support and understanding.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. John Oldham , that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Grand Executive Committee of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 1999 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express and opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The accompanying financial statements do not draw attention to the uncertainty caused by the Year 2000 Issue that arises because it is not certain that all aspects of this issue affecting the organization and those related to efforts of suppliers or other third parties, will be fully resolved.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 1999 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada

March 17, 1999

*Doane Raymond*

Chartered Accountants

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario**
**Statement of Financial Position**

| February 28 | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and short term investments | $ 52,639 | $ 42,512 |
| Accounts and interest receivable | 3,351 | 9.477 |
| Inventory of goods for resale (including awards) | 12,607 | 14,648 |
| | 68,597 | 66,637 |
| Fixed assets (Note 3) | 335 | 335 |
| | 68,932 | 66,972 |
| Investments (Note 4) | 346,099 | 360,188 |
| | $ 415,031 | $427,160 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| Current | | |
| Payables and accruals | $ 2,139 | $ 3,210 |
| Deferred revenues | - | 8,386 |
| | 2,139 | 11,596 |
| **Net Assets** | | |
| Net Assets restricted for Commuted Membership (Note 5) | 253,707 | 259,348 |
| Net Assets restricted for Benevolence (Note 5) | 55,965 | 54,387 |
| Unrestricted net assets | 103,220 | 101,829 |
| | 412,892 | 415,564 |
| | $ 415,031 | $427,160 |

Related entities (Note 6)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

*Harry D Turner* — *Melvyn James Duke*

Grand First Principal — Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario**

**Statements of Operations**

| Year Ended February 28 | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | |
| Dues - per capita | $ 71,962 | $ 73,240 |
| Interest from Commuted Fund | 18,662 | 22,312 |
| Sales of publications and other products | 6,993 | 8,132 |
| Income from investments | 5,066 | 5,459 |
| Income from V. T. B. F. | 5,037 | 3,997 |
| Registration fees | 2,670 | 3,170 |
| Other income | 1,208 | 2,164 |
| | 111,598 | 118,474 |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Rent and parking | 7,770 | 7,770 |
| Office supplies and expenses | 17,408 | 18.038 |
| Salaries and benefits | 36,600 | 35,000 |
| Benevolence | 2,512 | 3,628 |
| Travel | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Cost of goods sold including awards | 5,902 | 2,782 |
| Annual Convocation | 3,798 | 5,461 |
| Annual Convocation proceedings | 3,324 | 3,292 |
| Professional fees | 2,140 | 3,420 |
| Keystone publication | 2,842 | 2,980 |
| Miscellaneous and instruction | 76 | 228 |
| Regalia refurbishing | 691 | 825 |
| Insurance | 1,030 | 1,030 |
| Jewels and engraving | 250 | 92 |
| Council and Committee expenses | 318 | 710 |
| Promotion and public relations | 1,405 | 1,218 |
| Loss on sale of investments - General Fund | 3,289 | - |
| Loss on sale of investments - Commuted Membership Fund | 14,641 | - |
| Loss on sale of investments - V.T.B.F. | 1,274 | - |
| | 114,270 | 95,474 |
| (Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses | $ (2,672) | $ 23,000 |

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario**
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**
Year Ended February 28, 1999

| | Restricted for Commuted Membership Fund | Restricted for Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund | Unrestricted | 1999 Total | 1998 Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance, beginning of year | $ 259,348 | $ 54,387 | $ 101,523 | **$415,564** | $390,773 |
| (Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures | (14,641) | (1,272) | 13,243 | **(2,672)** | 23,000 |
| Internally imposed restrictions | 9,000 | 2,852 | (11,852) | - | - |
| Surrendered Charters | - | -- | - | - | 1,790 |
| Shares in York Masonic Temple Limited (at nominal value) | - | - | - | | 1 |
| Balance end of year | 253,707 | 55,965 | 103,220 | **$ 412,892** | $415,564 |

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario**
**Statement of Cash Flows**

| **February 28** | **1999** | **1998** |
|---|---|---|
| Cash derived from (applied to) | | |
| **Operating** | | |
| (Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses | **$ (2,672)** | $ 23,000 |
| Change in non-cash operating working capital | | |
| Accounts receivable | **6,126** | (3,332) |
| Inventory | **2,041** | 710 |
| Payables and accruals | **(1,071)** | 210 |
| Due to other funds | **(8,386)** | 8,386 |
| | **(3,962)** | 28,974 |
| **Financing** | | |
| Surrendered charters | - | 1,790 |
| **Investing** | | |
| Proceeds on sale of investments, net of investment purchases | **14,089** | (8,558) |
| Net increase in cash and short term investments | **10,127** | 22,206 |
| Beginning of year | **42,512** | 20,306 |
| End of year | **$52,639** | $ 42,512 |

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario**
**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Nature of Operations:** The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario is a not for profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Masonic Chapters in the Province of Ontario. The organization is exempt from income tax under the income tax act.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Inventories:** Inventories of supplies for sale and for use are valued at cost.

**Fixed Assets:** Fixed assets are stated at acquisition cost. New additions are not depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals but are charged to expenditure in the year of acquisition. The cost of additions is then added to the accumulated cost of fixed assets in the records and to accumulated depreciation.

**Revenue recognition:** The organization follows the deferral method of accounting contributions whereby restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Revenue from operations is recognized at the time goods are shipped or services are supplied to members.

**Income from investments:** Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expended or recognized as income, when incurred.

**3 Fixed assets**

| | Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | **1999 Net Book Value** | 1998 Net Book Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Furniture and fixtures | $ 36,754 | $ 36,744 | **$ 10** | $ 10 |
| Library | 250 | - | **250** | 250 |
| Regalia | 2,413 | 2,338 | **75** | 75 |
| | $39,417 | $ 39,082 | **$ 335** | $335 |

**4 Financial instruments:** The financial instruments of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair market values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted values. Market value of the investment portfolio is $346,729 (1998 - $373,330).

Included in investments are share in York Masonic Temple Limited, received as part of the dissolution of a particular chapter. These shares are recorded in the books at a nominal value of $1 per share. Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has not significant concentrations of credit risk.

**5 Restricted net assets:** The net assets restricted for Commuted Membership represents funds that have accumulated with respect to lifetime membership payments. Some chapter members have made lump sum payments to satisfy future membership obligations. These net assets are subject o internally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be maintained to provide annualized returns intended to compensate the organization for the costs of servicing these members.

The net assets restricted for Victory Thanksgiving Benevolence are internally restricted for purposes of providing welfare assistance to companions and their families in need. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

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**6 Related entities:** The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario (The Grand Chapter) exercises significant influence over both the Grand Chapter - Scholarship and Bursary Fund and The Grand Chapter - Medical Research Fund. The Grand Chapter annually appoints the board of directors for both organizations. Both related entities are registered charities under the income tax act.

The Scholarship and Bursary Fund was established to provide assistance to Royal Arch Masons, dependants of members, widows and orphans of members to complete their education at universities, community or technical colleges. The Medical Research Fund was established to provide funds for medical research upon receiving a valid request for assistance.

Neither the Scholarship and Bursary Fund nor the Medical Research Fund have been consolidated in the Grand Chapter financial statements. Financial summaries of these unconsolidated entities as at February 28, 1999 and 1998 and for the years then ended are as follows:

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario - Scholarship and Bursary Fund**

| **Financial position** | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| Total assets | $ **190,274** | $ 189,754 |
| Total liabilities | **2,322** | - |
| Total net assets | **187,952** | 189,754 |
| | **190,274** | 189,754 |
| **Results of operations** | | |
| Total revenues | $ **24, 520** | $ 24,290 |
| Total expenses | **26,322** | 8,944 |
| (Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses | **(1,802)** | 15,346 |
| **Cash flows** | | |
| Increase in cash | **1,235** | 15,222 |

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund**

| **Financial position** | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| Total assets | $ 413,297 | $ 420,150 |
| Total liabilities | 535 | - |
| Total net assets | 412,762 | 420,150 |
| | 413,297 | 420,150 |
| **Results of operations** | | |
| Total revenues | $ 43,098 | $ 41,634 |
| Total expenses | 50,486 | 16,735 |
| (Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses | (7,388) | 24,899 |
| **Cash flows** | | |
| Increase in cash | (6,115) | 24,191 |

**7 Comparative figures:** Certain figures presented for comparative purposes have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation for 1999.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Grand Executive Committee of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund)

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) as at February 28, 1999 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express and opinion on these financial statements base on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The organization derives some fund revenue in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

The accompanying financial statements do not draw attention to the uncertainty caused by the Year 2000 Issue that arises because it is not certain that all aspects of this issue affecting the organization and those related to efforts of suppliers or other third parties, will be fully resolved.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 1999 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada

March 17, 1999

*Doane Raymond*
Chartered Accountants

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario**
**Medical Research Fund (Release a Miracle Fund)**
**Statement of Financial Position**

| **February 28** | **1999** | **1998** |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and short-term investments | $ 19,473 | $ 29,133 |
| Due from other funds | 1,787 | - |
| Interest receivable | 1,740 | 1,740 |
| | 23,000 | 230,873 |
| Investments (market value $399,459) | 390,297 | 389,277 |
| | $ 413,297 | $ 420,150 |
| **Fund balance** | | |
| End of year | | |
| | $ 420,150 | 395,251 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| Current | | |
| Payables and accruals | $ 535 | $ - |
| **Net Assets** | | |
| Net assets restricted for medical research (Note 3) | 412,762 | 420,150 |
| | $ 413,297 | $ 420,150 |

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

*Harry D Turner*
Grand First Principal

*Melvyn James Duke*
Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund - (Release A MIRACLE)**

**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**

| Year Ended February 28 | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | |
| Donations | $ 11,102 | $ 8,899 |
| Interest on investments | 31,940 | 32,681 |
| Bank interest | 56 | 54 |
| | 43,098 | 41,634 |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Audit fees | 535 | - |
| Grants | 30,000 | 16,000 |
| Portfolio Management fee | 235 | |
| Loss on sale of investments | 19,229 | |
| Printing and bank charges | 487 | 735 |
| | 50,486 | 16,735 |
| **(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses** | (7,388) | 24,899 |
| **Net assets** | | |
| Beginning of year | 420,150 | 395,251 |
| End of year | $ 412,762 | $ 420,150 |

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Nature of Operations:** The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act. The object of the organization is to provide funds for medical research upon receiving a valid request for assistance.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies: Investments:** Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expensed or recognized as income when incurred.

**3 Restricted net assets:** The net assets of the organization are externally restricted for the purposes of providing support for medical research. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

**4 Financial instruments:** The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market values. Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities.

The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has no significant concentration of credit risk.

**5 Charitable status:** For the fiscal year 1999, the fund has met the distribution quota requirement to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Grand Executive Committee of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario -The Scholarship and Bursary Fund

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - The Scholarship and Bursary Fund as at February 28, 1999 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organizations' management. Our responsibility is to express and opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The organization derives some fund revenue in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

The accompanying financial statements do not draw attention to the uncertainty caused by the Year 2000 Issue that arises because it is not certain that all aspects of this issue affecting the organization and those related to efforts of suppliers or other third parties, will be fully resolved.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 1999 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada

March 17, 1999

*Doane Raymond*
Chartered Accountants

**The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario**
**The Scholarship and Bursary Fund**
**Statement of Financial Position**

| **February 28** | **1999** | **1998** |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Current | | |
| Cash and short-term investments | $ 19,969 | $ 18,229 |
| Investments (market value $174,686) | 170,305 | 171,525 |
| | $ 190,274 | $ 189,754 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| Current | | |
| Payables and accruals | $ 535 | $ - |
| Due to other funds | 1,787 | - |
| | 2,322 | - |
| **Net Assets** | | |
| Net assets restricted for Scholarships and bursaries (Note 3) | 187,952 | 189,754 |
| | $ 190,274 | $ 189,754 |

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

*Harry D Turner*
Grand First Principal

*Melvyn James Duke*
Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario**
**The Scholarship and Bursary Fund**

**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**

| Year Ended February 28 | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| **Revenue** | | |
| Donations | $ 10,503 | $ 9,238 |
| Interest on investments | 13,960 | 15,022 |
| Bank interest | 57 | 30 |
| | 24,520 | 24,290 |
| **Expenses** | | |
| Audit fees | 535 | - |
| Grants | 8,800 | 8,400 |
| Portfolio Management fee | 124 | |
| Loss on sale of investments | 16,288 | |
| Printing and bank charges | 575 | 544 |
| | 26,322 | 8,944 |
| **(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses** | (1,802) | 15,346 |
| **Net assets** | | |
| Beginning of year | 189,754 | 174,4081 |
| End of year | $ 187,952 | $ 189,754 |

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

**1 Nature of Operations:** The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Scholarship and Bursary Fund is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act The object of the organization is to provide assistance in the form of bursaries to Royal Arch Masons' dependants of members, widows and orphans of members to complete their education at universities , community or technical colleges.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies: Income from Investments:** Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expensed or recognized as income when incurred.

**3 Restricted net assets:** The net assets restricted for scholarships and bursaries are externally restricted for purposes of providing educational assistance. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

**4 Financial instruments:** The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market values.

Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has no significant concentration of credit risk.

**5 Charitable status:** For the fiscal year 1999, the fund has met the distribution quota requirement to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Finance Committee has reviewed the monthly Financial Statements of the Grand Treasurer, monitoring the progress in comparison to the Budget Estimates approved by Grand Chapter last April. I thank the Grand Scribe Ezra for his untiring diligence and the Grand Treasurer for his assistance in providing the information required. The February, year end Financial Statement has been reviewed in detail. And, subsequently the Financial Statements prepared by our Auditor, Comp. George Benton of Grant Thornton. We are satisfied that they present the financial operations of our Grand Chapter during the last fiscal year.

As has been reported, the reductions in our Investment Portfolio and consequent reductions in Interest Income have a major impact on the 1999-2000 Budget. Last year Grand Chapter's expenses exceeded revenues by over $11,000. The impact of the Loss on Sale of investments would have been greater had not the 1998 Convocation Committee's expenses come in $2200. under budget. The Committee thanks them for their excellent result. We hope this year's Committee produces a similar result. We are budgeting Revenue for this year of $91,432. and Expenses of $92,925. A budgeted deficit of $1493. Your Committee, managed this by reducing the Transfer to the Commuted Fund by $8000., the Office Equipment Purchase Allowance by $1000. and tightening the line wherever else possible. We are confident that the expenditures are appropriate and the receipts, while showing a deficit, are conservatively reliable.

In consequence of the foregoing, The Finance Committee will bring forth a Notice of Motion to increase the Annual Per/Capita by $1.00 effective on approval by this Grand Chapter next April. The constituent Chapters need to examine their budgets and Dues structure and take appropriate action in 1999 to be prepared for this necessary increase in 2000.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe, R.Ex.Comps. Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, John E Oldham, Grand Treasurer, J Lloyd Mellor, V.Ex.Comp. Robert S Wylie, Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon and R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
## IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
## 1999-2000 FISCAL YEAR

| | 1999-2000 BUDGET | 1998-99 BUDGET | 1998-99 ACTUAL | 1998-99 VARIANCE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **REVENUE** | | | | |
| Registration fees | 2,900.00 | 3,000.00 | 2,670.00 | (330.00) |
| Per capita dues | 69,732.00 | 71,500.00 | 71,962.00 | 462.00 |
| Dispensations and Warrants | 800.00 | 750.00 | 880.00 | 130.00 |
| Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels | -- | - | 5,993.00 | 5,993.00 |
| Investment Income - General Fund | 3,000.00 | 5,400.00 | 5,061.00 | (339.00) |
| Interest from Commuted Fund | 12,200.00 | 22,000.00 | 18,662.00 | (3,338.00) |
| Interest from V.T.B.F. | 2,800.00 | 5,037.00 | 5,037.00 | - |
| Donations - Benevolence | -- | - | 328.00 | 328.00 |
| Other income | -- | -- | - | - |
| Total revenue | 91,432.00 | 102,650.00 | 111,593.00 | 8,943.00 |
| **EXPENSES** | | | | |
| Remuneration Grand Scribe Ezra | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 0 |
| Office salaries and wages | 12,600.00 | 12,600.00 | 12,600.00 | 0 |
| Library Assistance | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 0 |
| Rent and parking | 7,800.00 | 7,800.00 | 7,800.00 | (30.00) |
| Office (Schedule Below) | 15,075.00 | 15,850.00 | 15,811.00 | (39.00) |
| Office equipment purchases | 1,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,393.00 | (607.00) |
| Convocation | 4,900.00 | 6,000.00 | 3,797.00 | (2,203.00) |
| Executive Committee | 400.00 | 500.00 | .00 | (500.00) |
| Regalia refurbishing | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 691.00 | (306.00) |
| Printing Proceedings | 3,400.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,324.00 | (177.00) |
| Grand Council expense | 400.00 | 500.00 | 318.00 | (182.00) |
| Promotion | 1,500.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,405.00 | (595.00) |
| Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels | -- | -- | 1,242.00 | 1,242.00 |
| Travel | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 0 |
| Audit | 2,200.00 | 3,000.00 | 2,140.00 | (1,150) |
| Investment Management | 1,400.00 | - | 207 | 207 |
| Insurance | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 | 1,030.00 | (70.00) |
| Jewels and engraving | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | - |
| Keystone | 3,000.00 | 3,200.00 | 2,842.00 | (358.00) |
| Loss on Sale of Investments | -- | -- | 19,204.00 | 19,204.00 |
| Benevolence | -- | -- | 2,512.00 | 2,512.00 |
| Miscellaneous and instruction | 500.00 | 500.00 | 76.00 | (424.00) |
| Transfer to Commuted Fund | 1,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 0 |
| Purchase supplies for inventory | -- | -- | 4,660.00 | 4,660.00 |
| Total expenses | 92,925.00 | 102,100.00 | 123,270.00 | 21,170.00 |
| Excess / (Shortfall) | (1,493.00) | 550.00 | (11,678) | (12,228.00) |

## RESOLUTIONS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John E Oldham that the Audited Financial Statements of The Grand Chapter General Fund, Medical Research Fund and the Scholarship and Bursary Fund be received and adopted. Carried

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John E Oldham that in accordance with Section 56 of the Constitution, the estimates of receipts and expenditure on account of the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year of March 1st, 1999 to February 29, 2000, be received and adopted. Carried

## NOTICE OF MOTION

I David G Walker hereby give notice, that at the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter to be held in Kitchener, April 13th-15th, 2000, I will move or cause to be moved that:

Section 76 "Grand Chapter Fees and Dues" sub-section (c) the last paragraph be amended to read:

"For every member of the Chapter on the register of Grand Chapter as at the previous December 31st, payable semi-annually on the Thirtieth of June and the Thirty-First of December each year: Effective April 30, 2000 $5.00"

## REPORT OF THE AMALGAMATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions;

Your amalgamation committee is pleased to report for the period of April 1998 through to April 1999, upon the Chapters throughout the jurisdiction who have amalgamated or surrendered their warrants. Amalgamation ceremonies have been conducted twice be our Grand First Principal. We concur that this procedure adds new strength and vitality to any Chapter or group of Chapters who experience difficulties for a variety of reasons.

Shuniah Chapter No. 82 and Fort William Chapter No. 140, Thunder Bay amalgamated on September 2nd, 1998, now known as Shuniah Chapter No. 82.

Harris Chapter No. 41, Woodstock and Oxford Chapter No. 18 Ingersoll amalgamated on October 27th, 1998.

Centennial Chapter No. 260, Streetsville surrendered their warrant on November 23rd, 1998.

The Malloch Chapter No. 66 Hensal and Elliot Chapter No. 129 Mitchell have agreed upon amalgamation and approval has been received. The amalgamation ceremony will be performed during the months of May or June 1999.

Mount Nebo Chapter No. 76 Niagara Falls is considering either to surrender their warrant or attempt a Daylight Chapter.

We are please to report that since amalgamation of McCallum-Grimsby Chapter No. 29 Dunville on January 20th, 1997 harmony, order and prosperity prevail.

Most Excellent Sir thank you for your confidence and the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter . Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline, R.Ex.Comps. Michel Sastre, J Max Laushway, Bryan Bouck and William Klapatiuk Chairman.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Since our last Grand Convocation, held in Hamilton in April 1998, many events of an historical nature have occurred.

On the evening of June 25, 1998, M.Ex.Comp Harry D Turner, our Grand First Principal attended Composite Lodge No.30 in Whitby. This meeting honoured R.W.Bro and R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill, our Grand Second Principal who became "50 years a Mason". Also honoured in this ceremony was W.Bro. Art Patterson, who was recognised "60 years a Mason", as well as "50 years a Past Master". Coincidently, he was Master on the night of John's Initiation..

The evening of November 23rd, 1998 proved to be a memorable one for the Companions of St. John's Chapter No.3 in London, when Companion Robert J. McKibbon, R.W.Bro. the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was Installed as Third, Second and First Principal and Invested as the Immediate Past First Principal of his Chapter.

The large delegation on hand to assist and observe this Ceremony was led by M.E.x..Comp. Harry D. Turner, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario who was accompanied by R.Ex.Comp. M. Sheldon Boomhour the Grand Third Principal, Past Grand First Principals M.Ex.Comps. Charles W. Emmett, Gordon H. Stuart, Edward W. Elcombe, Albert A. Mortlock, Leslie Levitt, Donald F. Kline, Alan F. Walker and R. Frank Russell also by R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke, Grand scribe Ezra and seventeen current Grand Chapter Officers.

On Saturday January 23rd, 1999, a memorable and historic day, Grand Chapter assembled in Chatham, Ontario to dedicate the newly renovated Chatham Masonic Temple for the purposes of the ancient usages and customs of the Royal craft and Wellington MacNabb Chapter No.47 {an Amalgamation success story}. A District Reception followed for the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and his wife, Geraldine, at 5:30 p.m. in the Chatham Masonic Temple Banquet Room.

Approximately one hundred sat down to excellent companionship and a delicious roast beef dinner, with R.Ex.Comp. James Saunders, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District No.1 acting as Master of Ceremonies.

1998 was a banner year for many chapters, but especially for Palestine Chapter No.54-St. Thomas, Niagara Chapter No.55- Niagara Falls and Georgian Chapter No.56-Owen Sound each of whom celebrated their 125th anniversaries. Also, Halton Chapter No.234-Georgetown, Aurora Chapter No.235-Aurora, Caledonia Chapter No.236-Caledonia, St.Andrew's Chapter No.238-London, University Chapter No.241-Thornhill, and Nilestown Chapter No.247-Nilestown, all celebrated their 75th anniversaries.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Historical Committee; R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield, Chairman and R.Ex.Comps. Norman McComb and Donald J Gent.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill, Grand Second Principal and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings.

## REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence wishes to report that for the period April 1998 through to April 1999, two applications for Benevolence were received and approved and a sum of $2000.00 was dispersed.

Companions, the work of the Benevolent Committee is a two-sided operation. On the one hand it is a heart warming opportunity to serve our less fortunate companions and their families. On the other hand it is heart breaking to find situations in which you do your best and wish you could do more.

Last year we reported on a lady that had so many physical and health disabilities, it was a miracle how she could carry on but she still does.

This year a tear at the heart strings was felt when we received a request for assistance from a young family, whose father had recently unexpectedly been taken from them. His young widow was left with four school-aged children from 10 to 16. Imagine, if you will, the heart break of these children at their most formative years, having to continue their lives without the love and guidance of their father.

Companions, your Benevolent Committee is pleased to be able to be of service to our extended Royal Arch family on your behalf. Our funds are not large, but we help where we can. We solicit each Chapters assistance in raising funds for benevolence by using those occasions when the Chapter wished to recognize a Companion for special service or to remember a Companion who has passed to the Grand Chapter above, by making a donation to the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund. We as your Committee, will then be better enabled to cope with these difficult situations as they arise.

In conclusion Most Excellent Sir; I thank you on behalf of the Committee for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and I also express my appreciation to the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke for his courtesies and assistance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett and Aube L Wiseman, R.Ex.Comps. William Stanfield and C Gordon Sinclair, and Kenneth L Whiting, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth L Whiting that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND RELEASE A MIRACLE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

You are all probably aware from articles in the news media of the cuts that have been imposed both federally and provincially upon moneys available for research. The hospital for Sick Children has taken full page advertisements to highlight both their work and plea for donations. This plight is not theirs alone and affects all research labs across the country. We in Ontario are privileged to have some of the finest facilities in the country thus our work as philanthropists becomes even more important. Research takes time and we have been supporting certain labs, Dr. Poznanski Royal Victoria Hospital London for example, for some time. You may have read reports that the battle against cancer has opened a new and exciting front that is now entering the stage of clinical trials. This means the therapy is being tested against strict scientific criteria, in selected patients, in order to prove its efficacy. The new front is one we have reported on before, the prevention of blood vessel growth within a developing tumour. Without a blood supply the tumour cannot develop let along spread. We as an organization can take great pride in being an active participant in the development of this therapy which may especially benefit those with cancer of the breast. Latest word is that clinical trials are not far away.

Dr. Gallie continues to develop world wide criteria for the treatment of retinoblastomas out of Sick Kids Hospital. This is being conducted over the Internet. I feel that this the way of the future in research allowing the collation data to be rapidly assimilated. An the results transmitted to interested parties.

Prof. Yendt, calcium metabolism, is preparing statical evidence for an increase in the recognised dose of this mineral in the preservation of bon mass as we age. These results are now part of the recommended Canadian Food Guide 1500 - 2000 mg. calcium per day instead of 500 mg. You may have noticed the milk marketing board was quick to jump on the band wagon now stating 6-8 glasses of milk is what you need. Most of us will also need a new bladder!

The Novos trial is in its early stages and will make a few years to determine the clinical efficacy of using this putty in the repair of broken bones. This trial is in its infancy and meaningful numbers have yet to be generated.

Thus the awards granted this year are:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Dr. Poznansky Robarts Institute | $6,500.00 |
| Dr. J Wilson. Humber Memorial Hospital | $3,000.00 |
| Prof. B. Gallie, Sick Childrens Hospital | $5,500.00 |
| Prof. R. Del Maestro, Victoria Hospital London | $4,500.00 |
| Dr. J Dennis, Mount Sinai Hospital | $2,500.00 |
| Prof. Yendt. Kingston | $3,000.00 |
| Dr. R. Baigrie, Sudbury | $2,500.00 |
| NOVOS Trial Windsor | $2,500.00 |
| Total | $30,000.00 |

My term as chairman has now run its course. I would like to thank those who saw fit to have me serve in this position. I hope I have met expectations. To all my committee members a heartfelt vote of deep respect and thanks. A committee is only as good as its members and you have been wonderful. A note of special thanks to Ken Green who despite physical set backs never lost a chance to keep me humble. All the best to you all.

We end this report with a plea to the companions of the province of Ontario to continue their support of this worth while cause and to congratulate them on their part in helping to bring new therapies into being. All their efforts are having tangible results.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart, R.Ex.Comps. Kenneth Green, George Gifford, William Klapatiuk, H Ovas Wagg M.D., V.ExComps. Robert Temperton and Peter Cameron M.D. Chairman.

Move by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, grand Second Principal and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke that this report be received by this Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry has had a very quiet year. There have been no major problems reported to us even though the Grand Superintendents have been very diligent in their duties of reporting to us.

One common thread that seems to run through many of the reports, however, asks why Grand Chapter doesn't change everything from how the banquet portion of the meetings are run to why Grand Chapter doesn't schedule more family social events. This indicated that the Companions asking the questions are really not aware of who and what "Grand Chapter" is.

They do not seem to understand that Grand Chapter starts with the most recently installed Third Principal and includes all Second, First and Past First Principals in every Chapter. It seems that our Companions don't realized that everything concerning how the banquet time or social events are organized and run are at the prerogative of their First Principal.

If a change in how Grand Chapter operates is deemed necessary, the only way to make those changes is to, (following the procedure as described in the Grand Chapter Constitution), make a proposal at our annual meeting such as this one and have everyone present vote on the proposal. The Grand Chapter Officers are not authorized to make any changes to the Constitution!

Most Excellent Sir, on behalf of the Condition of Capitular Masonry Committee, I thank you for having the confidence to assign these duties to us.

Respectfully submitted by this Committee: R.Ex.Comps M Sheldon Boomhour, Chairman, the 17 Grand Superintendents, Gordon E Cross, Richard J Jackson, Donald A King and E Roy Harrison.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and myself, R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED

## REPORT OF THE SCRIBES EZRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Scribe Ezra Advisory Committee has been working on providing the necessary forms to the Scribes Ezra on computer disk.

We realize that not all Scribes Ezra have a computer available to use in their duties. We will continue to provide these forms by paper. We request , that when the next mailings are sent to the Chapter's, that an insert be included to advise any Scribes Ezra wishing to have the forms on computer disk, send a disk to this committee or to the Grand Chapter office. This committee will provide the necessary insert to be mailed. It will also be necessary to know in which format they wish to receive the completed disk back, i.e. Word 6.0, Word Perfect, 5.1, etc.

The Chapter will have to send a paper copy of the completed forms back to Grand Chapter as the Constitution requires that certain forms need the Chapter Seal.

It is our hope that in the near future, Grand Chapter will have its own web site so that the Scribes Ezra can obtain the forms directly, without the Grand Chapter having to mail forms twice a year.

We would therefore ask that the Finance Committee investigate the cost of Grand Chapter having its own web site.

Respectfully submitted by R.Ex.Comps Gordon Cross, Ronald McClung, George Gifford, Melvyn J Duke and myself, Richard Jackson, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and Seconded by myself Richard Jackson, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I would like to begin by expressing my personal word of appreciation to you, Most Excellent Sir, for having the confidence to appoint me a year ago as the Chair of this very important committee. I was humbled by the honour and the responsibility for I wasn't sure that I could follow in the footsteps of some of my very distinguished and able predecessors, including R.Ex.Comp. Edward J Ounjian and R.Ex.Comp M Sheldon Boomhour. Assured however that I would be supported by an expanded committee representative of the whole of our Grand Jurisdiction, I accepted the challenge. After contacting each member of the committee as appointed, I soon learned that I was not alone; a more talented and committed group of masons one seldom finds; I am deeply indebted to all of them.

My first act as Chairman was to organize the nineteen members into five regional groups, namely the Western Region (Southwestern Ontario - roughly District 1,2,3,4 and 6), the Central Region (Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara - roughly Districts 5,7,8,8A,9 and 10), the Eastern Region (eastern Ontario - roughly Districts 11,12 and 13), the Northern Region (northern Ontario - roughly districts 15 and 16) and the Northwestern Region (northwestern Ontario - District 14). I appreciate the willingness of five members of the committee to serve as regional coordinators or contacts, namely V.Ex.Comp. Shayne Eldridge (western), R.Ex.Comp. Eugene de Beaupre (central), R.Ex.Comp. Roland Paddle (eastern), R.Ex.Comp. Norman McComb (northern) and R.Ex.Comp. Alan Tibbetts (northwestern). Throughout the year these regional coordinators, assisted by many of their subcommittee members, worked diligently and effectively, making contacts throughout their region, accepting invitations for events of various kinds, and accompanying the Grand First Principal and the Grand Superintendents on their many visits. Because of this new structure, we were enabled to work, often simultaneously, in the various areas of the province. None of us had to travel long distances, thus saving time, expense and excessive fatigue.

Most of you are now quite familiar with the large, ten panel public relations display, a most effective communication tool. This large display was retained for several major events over the summer and early fall. Thereafter, in order to provide the regions with their own smaller, portable display, I created four, three panel, table top displays, each with its own "Royal Arch Masons" header sign, a core group of pictures (the Grand Council), and a carrying case. I then personally delivered these to three of the regional coordinators (western, central and eastern), who then personalized them with their own material, enabling them to take their displays to events in their regions. The fourth display I retained for myself for my own visits and events in the Ottawa area and beyond.

Though the western region display was taken to the Windsor/Chatham area, there has been a request for another such unit for that area. In this project I am deeply indebted to the Grand Chapter office for purchasing several new panels, to R.Ex.Comp. Ted Burns for producing the four new "header" signs, and to an Ottawa friend, Pauline Barnes, for donating the material and constructing two more carrying cases. I have called for the return all of the smaller units for the reassembling of the large display for this Grand Chapter Convocation, with the creative input of each of the coordinators.

The committee members have been quite active over the past year, particularly during the summer and fall, attending meetings and events across the jurisdiction. In nearly all of the following, our displays, large or small, were prominently shown. A summary of the events include: Grand Lodge, Toronto (July 14-16, 1998); visit of the Grand First Principal, his Council and other Grand Chapter Officers (two from our committee), to the northwestern and northern regions (District 14, 15 and 16) to attend particularly the amalgamation of Shuniah Chapter No. 82 with Fort William Chapter No. 140 (September 1-5, 1998); the Western Fair, London, in cooperation with a regional Grand Lodge group (September 11-20, 1998); the International Ploughing Match, Sunbury (September 15-19, 1998); the visit of the Grand Council to Ottawa District 13 (three Chapters and a Reception for the Grand First Principal) October 5-8, 1998); visits of the Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District 13 (six Chapters, October-November, 1998); presentation at The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145 (October, 1998); the amalgamation of Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll with Oxford Chapter No. 18, Woodstock, at Ingersoll (October 27, 1998); Masonic Open House during Masonic Awareness Week, Cornwall (November 1, 1998)' a fraternal visit of Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, to Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee (November 18, 1998); a dinner and program, Grenville Chapter No. 22, Prescott November 21, 1998); an Open House, Manitou Chapter No. 27, Collingwood (November 25, 1998); St. John's Chapter No. 3, London (November 24, 1998); an Open House, sponsored by Ottawa area Shriners, Ottawa (November 28, 1998); a Master Masons Night, Maitland Chapter No. 68, Kemptville December 10, 1998); the dedication of new Chapter room, Chatham (Dec. 23, 1998); a Craft Degree Team, made up entirely of Royal Arch Masons (Third Degree), Golden Lodge, Windsor (January 15, 1999); and a Royal Arch Degree Team of Past Grand Chapter Officers, Windsor Chapter No. 71, Windsor (12 candidates) (February 8, 1999). Members of our committee attended all of the above events, showing that we were active in ALL districts of the jurisdiction in a single year -- a great achievement!

I cannot conclude before I pay tribute to an adjunct member of our committee, namely R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Miller, the Editor of the Keystone. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating him on the publication of two excellent editions of our Grand Chapter newsletter. Well done, good and faithful servant! But please remember, my Companions, that Bruce needs your help; send him articles and pictures, news of the activities in your District; only with your help can we continue to have such a good public relations communicating tool.

Wherever you go on your journeys both masonic and non-masonic, never fail to tell of and live your masonic ideals, particularly learned through Royal Arch Masonry! Your efforts at public relations will undoubtedly yield both new members and keep those who have lost interest over the years. And let us ENJOY ourselves.

Finally, I extend thanks to each member of my committee for their efforts, your wives who have often accompanied you along the many roads, the Grand Council and our Grand Scribe Ezra. Thank you for your friendships, encouragement and advice.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee:M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, V.Ex.Comps. Shayne Eldridge, James Napier, Leslie Dawley, R.Ex.Comps. Jack Murphy, William Arnold, Eugene de Beaupre, William Glover, William Birnie, John Lyall, Roland Paddle, Malcolm Watling, Donald Smallman, Norman McComb, Angus Fudge, Denis Amendola, Alan Tibbetts, Bruce Miller and myself, R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and myself, R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor that this report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED

## REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee is pleased to report the good news that this Committee has had no matters referred to it during the past year.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHARITIES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I am pleased to report that the 1400 pocket calendars were distributed to the Chapters throughout the Grand jurisdiction through the good offices of the Grand Superintendents. A form was provided to every Scribe Ezra on which they could record donations before sending them to the Grand Chapter office. Unfortunately donations this year were approximately $3,500.00. As this is a significant decrease in donations from last year Grand Chapter will therefore discontinue the pocket calendars next year.

We are facing a crisis in Royal Arch Charities, as this year's contributions are less than half of last year's. Our charitable works, through Release A Miracle and the Bursary program, constitute one of the most visible means of displaying the work of Royal Arch Masons in the wider community. We need to focus on means of activating the charitable sentiments of all companions to do good works in the community through Royal Arch Charities. If Royal Arch Masonry is to remain a vital and growing force within Masonry, this is one area we can do something about.

To this end, the Royal Arch Charities brochure, which was based on an original format developed through the leadership of M.Ex.Comp. Alan Walker and R.Ex.Comp. Ken Lowry, was further revised from information reported at the Grand Convocation 1998. It is currently in its third revision through the good offices of R.Ex.Comp. Donald Gent and his lady Dayle.

It is our hope that when this brochure reaches its final format that it will be printed and distributed to all Chapters. The brochure focuses upon the positive changes that can occur through making donations to the Royal Arch Charities i.e. directing support to medical research via Release A Miracle and providing bursaries for under graduate training of Royal Arch children.

I thank the committee members for their encouragement of all companions to make donations. Particular thanks should also be given to R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Chairman of Bursaries and to V.Ex.Comp. Peter Cameron, Chairman of Release A Miracle, for their continuing efforts on behalf of Royal Arch Charities.

We ask all Royal Arch Masons throughout the Grand jurisdiction to remember that in making a donation to Royal Arch Charities, "GOOD WORKS FOR YOU.'

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by, R.Ex.Comp. W Bruce Miller, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## PRESENTATION BY THE YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner invited R.Ex.Comp. Bert Mennie to make a presentation on behalf of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Distinguished East and Companions;

Once again, it is a privilege and a pleasure for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Canadian Charitable Foundation to present a $500.00 cheque this year to the Bursary Fund of this Grand Chapter. We know this may not provide for the education of a student but we each in our own way can work together to help those students in need. The amount that the Foundation can give is dependant on our sources of income and in proportion to where and what Provinces it is derived from. Ontario has been most generous. We are giving in proportion.

The Grand First Principal thanked R.Ex.Comp. Mennie whose words and gift received a sounding round of applause.

## FUTURE CONVOCATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I would preface my remarks by stating that I accepted the dubious honour of chairing this committee on the proposed restructuring of this Annual Convocation. The remarks I am making are ideas that have been explored by the committee.

These have been put in the form of a questionnaire which is available to you and which you picked up when you registered and from the remarks that we receive from that questionarie will in great measure determine what the final report of this committee will be.

Your committee met on Friday, February 26th at the office of the Sovereign Great Priory in Toronto and we reviewed in detail the report submitted by the previous committee and examined all the details contained therein and went on to examine more methods in which we feel would be a benefit to this Grand Chapter in the future. The proposal that we are attempting to attain would be too meet at Grand Chapter for the instruction of the Grand Superintendents and the Secretaries on Friday morning, Friday afternoon Grand Chapter would open in business form and receive the reports and the notices of motion and conduct most of the business of Grand Chapter, Friday evening would be a social time.

Saturday morning would see the formal opening of this Grand Chapter, receive the guests, conduct the Memorial Service, receive the Grand First Principals address and similarly present the Friday morning program. Saturday afternoon we would continue the business with the greeting from the visitors and the ceremony of installation and closing which would be followed in the evening with the Grand Chapter banquet.

At the time of registering you would vote as you register and you would register until 10 a.m. Saturday morning when the registrations would close and the ballots would be tabulated and be reported on before the recess of Grand Chapter Saturday at noon. If a further ballot is required it be conducted during the lunch hour. We are proposing that everyone seeking an elected office must be present to be qualified for election.

We are also considering to change the criteria for the office of the Grand Third Principal is simple terms one must be an elected member of Grand Chapter or elected to the Grand Executive Committee. We are also proposing that there would be no proxy vote that there would be one vote per member.

An other concept was that the Grand Scribe Ezra would pursue the cost of issuing the preliminary reports which would be distributed at the time of registration, you would be able to visually see the reports that were going to be presented, and in this way the reports instead of being given in detail could be summarized and perhaps reduce the time of the business session of Grand Chapter.

Much discussion as to the location versus the attendance and the cost associated with the holding of this annual convocation. We noted that border cities such as Windsor and Niagara Falls and possibly even Ottawa are expensive and attractive to the general public and due to the casinos and are not suitable candidates for our needs The downtown Toronto area is very expensive yet attractive for the ladies. The airport strip is expensive and remote for ladies and other member activities. Reports from other centres such as Sudbury and Peterborough as they do not have the facilities or capacity to meet our needs.

The Convocation in Kingston was considered to be very economically run and the hotel accommodation was excellent, the costs were within reason to all the delegates who attend this Grand Chapter more than that, they were generous in giving rooms out complimentary hence it was very economical as far as Grand Chapter was concerned and the facilities that are available to us in Kitchener where we are going next year for our Grand Convocation there are reputed to be excellent, with ample parking the rates are very favourable.

We expect that Kitchener will be a wonderful place to hold future Grand Convocations. It is our thinking to avoid some of the more expensive places that the best way would be an East/West alternate location in future years, perhaps one meeting in Kingston one year and Kitchener the next year and if some other locations generally in the east and west had the comparable facilities and a reasonably price they could also be considered.

The other item that we discussed, should the Grand Superintendents serve for a two year term to coincide with the election of the Grand First and the Grand Council for a two year term and the rest of the elected officers would of cour e be elected annually as they are at the present time. The Grand Executive Committee would be on the same timing with appointments.

As I pointed out, there is a survey there, and this is an interim report which is given and we trust that when we receive the reports that you submit to us this committee will review in detail the results. It is expected that we will present our report at the next Executive meeting and the next meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second Principal, seconded by myself M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock that this interim report to the changes to the Grand Convocation Committee be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

## GREETINGS EXTENDED FROM ATTENDING COMPANIONS

During the 141st Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Fraternal Greetings were extended by Visiting Companions of each of the Grand Chapters and other Bodies represented.

## STATISTICAL REPORTS

### DEATHS - 1998

1-Philip Roderick Alexander, John Graham. Torney, 2-Peter Donald Hewitt, William Hugh McCombs, 3-Charles James Wakefield, Morris E Ripley, Albert H Smith, John Bruce Chowen, Martin Keith Zahn, Frederick Keith Hyatt, 4-Samuel Frederick Hall,5-William Alexander Weames, Donald Keith Ratcliffe, Eric Bernhard Stahlin, Alexander Murray Jeffery, Donald Robert Strudwick, 6-John Hay, 7-Ralph N Plumpton, Douglas Godfrey Ellis, Albert Hampson Hall, Norman G Hickson, Andrew Wallace Marner, Charles Graydon Long, Harold James Matthews, Cecil Francis Reid, William Armstrong, Thomas Henry Davidson, 8-William Livsey, Graham Craig Anthony, Albert Von Schwerin, Waren Odgen Newton, Frederick Dickens, Donald Munro, William R Armstrong, 15-Ivan George Moore, Robert John Scarrow, 16-Allan Jeary Wright, Russell Alexander Hogue, Harold Walter Burmaster, Willard Hugh Elliott, John Donald Railer, Cyril Arthur Brayne 18-Dennis Arthur Ward, Bruce M McCall, Piebe Kobus, 19-Bruce Albert Lee, William Henry Pharoah, Mansell James Overend, John Bernard Johnson, James William Macara, Bryan John Robertson Annett, 20-Eugene Edward Bubyear, Edmund John Webster, 22-Stanley A Grant, 23-Keith MacIntosh, John Robert Lauchlan, 24-Francis B Russell, Robert Weston Jesson, William George Van Slyck, William Glen King, Thomas W. Beltz, 27-Melvin Guy McKechnie,

28-Harry Victor Trow, Elroy Francis Coppin, Victor Hollis Edward Hulatt, John Reuter, Brian Lorne Armstrong, 29-Albert W. Eaglesham, John Walker Chambers, Kenneth Wesley Ricker, Sanford Raymond Warnica, 30-James Kenneth Scott, Leonard Fawcett Sheardown, 31-Colin Carter, Herbert Grant Allison, Allan Franklin Anderson, Joseph C Foley, John V Graydon, Ernest Ennis Guernsey, George Nelson Rose, William Fyfe Leslie, 32-Reid Charlton Menary,34-Joseph Earle Williams, Paul Kunce, 35-Albert Ferguson Foote, David McKeag, Thomas Rupert Tompkins, Ronald Cleland Bell, Robert MacDonald Crawford, William Francis Hoffman, 36-Cecil I Richardson, Arthur Pagett, Walter Henry Mortlock, Kenneth Cowan Dalrymple, Victor Edward Smith, Ernest Wellington Beatty, Allan Thomas James Wickens, Spero Annis, Beresford Robert Hay, Peter Thomas Johnson, Robert A Batten, 37-Douglas Carman Davey, Sidney Arnold Austin, 40-Frederick Charles Anderson, Charles Ronald James Taylor, Lawrence Arthur Jefferson, 44-W Wallace Hogeboom, Johannes Scheffler, 47-Wilfred Warren, 48-James Herold Mathews, Gerald Smith, 53-William Clifton Hackett, Ervin Gosnell, Thomas Llewellyn MacNally, 54-Roy E. Harvey, Wallace Henry Capern, John Edward Henry, Robert George Dymock, Harold William Clark, Donald James Bell, Paul Alexander Garrett, 55-William S James, Lewis Lambert, 57-Kenneth Ross Radford, Kent Chambers, Herbert Haun Ales Stevenson Morris, 59-Wilson Kible Barrington, William A Hamblen, Wayne Appleton Rice, Cecil George Shire, Ian Rothwell, 61-Donald Gilbert S Keen, William Arnold Wright, J Arthur Hobbs, James Roy Moulton, 63-Leslie Adam Manners, John Arthur Reynolds, 64-Robert William Barron, James William Fraser MacLintock, John Wilbert Calver, Robert Walter Swallow, Robert Dennis Taylor, 67-Frank Bertram Johnson, 68-James Lowell Davidson, 71-Jarmin Grant Craig, Charles Shaw, Edward Ewald Hines, Charles T Cheshire, Herbert B Morden, Martin Joseph Rolfe, Thomas Banks, 72-Harold Wilbert Hagerman, Harry Franklin Vandervoort, Thomas Ross Hill, James Douglas Moxam, 73-John Ralph Desmond, Thomas Llewellyn MacNally, 74-Ronald W Bell, Alexander Frank Juba, 75-Charles Henry Johnson, Stanley Easterbrook Chisholm, 77-Eric Bolt, Edward Gordon Hough, Samuel Frederick Hall, 78-Lyle Reid Stokes, 79- Harvie Wilfred Hussey, Victor A Stevenson, William Francis Hoffman, Walter Lovet Hailman, John Henry Couvell, 81-Roger Knight Partlow, Ross Henry Gracey, Harold William Clark, Joseph Robert Deverell, 82-Wesley Thomas Miller, 84-Kenzie Holmes Saxton, David John Hynes, Frederick M Thuell, 90-Douglas Haig Culter, 91-Alfred Chester Oickle, George F Sweet, John Arthur Izzo, Geoffrey Herbert Durrant, Roy W Price, Walter Charles Outram, Harold Hilliard Peevers, George Leslie Johnson, 95-William Brown Walker, Colin George Caswell, Stephen Barry Chisnell, John Arthur Pigott, Alan Roger Duval Thomas William Gunn, James Redver Savage, 102-Malcolm Charles Bain, Ralph Edwin Walton, Donald Joseph Grosjean, 103-Samuel Montemurro, Glen Fraser Maconnell, Raymond Cann Sears, Richard Miles Dodgson, Haig Fred Clark, Leonard E. Hewitt, 104-Donald Kenneth Grindlay, Raymond Schonewille, Charles Derek Thomas, Edward C Witt, 113-Robert Harold Hessell, Kenneth McEwan Cecil Hiram Barr, Murdo Irwin Smith, 114-James Stewart Anderson, Lloyd James Crawford, 117-Howard William Brown, Donald Armstrong Currah, Franklin Leslie Barrett, Talbot Llewllyn Peyton, Robert Leighton Mansell, 119-Clifford Richard Preston, Allan Ivan Wilson, 131-Harvey Fred Bellmore, Gerald Ross Taylor, Edgar Haddow Walker, 133-Mervyn Franklin Gard, Roderick Selwyn McCrimmon, Eric Russell Cole, Beverly Cameron Walker, Allan Wilbert Marshall, 135-Murray Douglas Feasby, Francis Robert Phoenix, 138-Walter Lincoln Boyce, Louis George Primeau, Eric Gordon Walley, Gus Anderson, Samuel William Dick, 144-Benjamin Thompson, George G Rodanz, Thomas Rupert Tompkins, Lawrence Young, 146-Ross E Harriston, 147-David John Hynes, Leonard MacDonald, Kenzie Holmes Saxton, 149-Amund Amundsen, 150-Ivison Curtis Pack, Robert F Greason, Richards Scott Lea, Howard Arthur Toy, Robert Llewellyn Elford,

151-Edward Nitschke, Harold Thomas Hale, John E Wesley, Robert Stanley Fletcher, 152-George William Emes, Beor Melvine Edstrom, 155-Murray Roy Brown, LeRoy St.Clair Jerome, Douglas C Mitchell, Donald Newton, 167-Joseph Alan Mayne, 168-Franklin Linton, 169-Bruce Earl McCutcheon, 175-Archie H McCoy, Wesley Francis Riley, 184-William Milbury, 195-Keith Flynn, Rolf Alfred Richter, Malcolm Kenneth MacLean, Thomas Richard Briscoe, Graham Craig Anthony, 198-Stanley John Attenborough, Wesley Douglas Ham, 205-Albert Carman Rust, Stewart Alexander McGrandel, Phillip R Mock, Waren Ogden Newton, 210-Ewart Alpin Campbell, 212-Louis E. Kernerman, Jack Charles Swardon, Gordon Shulman, Louis Cohen, Joseph Fisher, Harold Lerner,213-Morris Aubry Feldman, 215-Louis George Primeau, 218-Harry Francis, 220-Royford James Watson, George Raymond Newell, 221-John Alexander, 222-Hugh Nelson Corbett, Arthur Gower Humphries, Hoard James Ade, David Scott Rubin, Hanry Alexander Lyons, 223-Herbert Milton Purdy, Edward Bonner, 224-Walter Lumsden Pratt, George McPherson Henderson, 226-James Delbert Bolton, Horace Edwin Grainger, Murray Cameron Kirkpatrick, 227-Walter Boyce, 230-John Arthur Hollis, Harold Henry George, Ronald Earle Grossman, Thomas Leonard Hadley, Roy Leonard Peck, Louis George Primeau, Baillie P Smith, James Calder Strang, 232-Frederick William Thom, Mervyn Floyd Watson, 233-Jack H. Browes, William Lochhead, George Edward MacLaren, 234-Edwin Eugene Hall, 235-Lewis H Litchfield, 238-Norman Howlett, 241-Arthur William Walker, 243-Sidney Winterbottom, Ralph Edgar Hill, 245-Lawrence Kenneth Cluthe, Frederick Vokey, George Edward MacMillan, 247-John H Macdonald, Ronald Alexander Sellars, Eric Bernhard Stahlin, Gunther Gall, 248-Robert Carss, 249-Carson Montieth Elliott, 251-Harold Scott, Sherman Dale Hyatt, Hugh Irving Armstrong, 252-James Howard Coleman, Henry Richard Tomlinson, Francis Lyle Harkness, Gordon Ronald Coles, Melvin Maurice Smith, Ronald Alfred Edward Dalley, Paul Edward Smith, Graham Smith, 255-Harry Astley Ferguson, Fred W Evans, Walter LeRoy Squires, 260-Francis William Dowling, 261-Cameron Ruben Robinson, Wesley Douglas Ham, 264-William Maurice Aikins, 265-Keith Flynn, 267-James Douglas Moxam.

**Demitted - 1998**

1-Edwin Johnston Francey, Spencer Garrett, William John Moore, Gordon F Matthews, 2-James McNeil, 7-Wilfred McKenzie Royle, Morley Akey, Earl McConnell, Gerald Walter Cherry, Douglas Clarence Heyworth, Donald Dodge, Thomas Henry, 8-William Ivan Gould, John Ryan, Andrew Thomson, Alexander Shute, Donald Glynn Kahler, 15-Lionel Joseph Doucette, 16-Garry John Hyde, Sterling George Warner, Hugh Ernest Fackrell,18-Dougal Dorland,19-Anthony Argentino Ronald Walter Lewis, Gerald Garnet Hunt, 20-William Whitman, 23-Ronald John Gash, Murray Arthur Turvey, Paul Clinton Maletta, Frank Filek, 24-William Aitken, 26-Roy Howard Wilton, 27-Roy Kenneth Griffin, Harry Robert Wells, 28-Gary Brian MacDougal, Leslie John Dow, Maurice Anthony Gauthier, 29-Stanley Arthur Pyle, Thomas Baker, 30-William F Webb, 31-Thomas Gordon Lyle Lloyd, Joseph Borthwick, Thomas Howard Walmsley, 32-Royden David Whitney, 35-William Windsor Gillan, 36-William Harry Millar, James Edward Fairfield, Ernest Richard Ansell, Gerald Freeman Harris, James Allan Foster, 37-Mervyn J Richards, 40-John Crumlish Weir, Thomas Henry Byers, Cyril Frederick Rout, 47-Larry John Hostine, 53-Jeffery David Kelly, Shirley Gordon Patterson, Donald Samuel Mann, 54-Allan Norman Tetzlaff, 55-Patrick Hoekstra, Larry Denis Marzetti, 56-John Alexander McKerroll, 61-Donald Gilbert Keen, Kenneth Camelon , Graham Ivor Frank Turnbull, Garry R Murphy, Ian A Bowen, 71-Dennis Michael O'Leary, James Allen Collins, 72-Lorne Morton Johnston, Clayton Allen Burkitt, 73-Morley Groves Moore, 77-Denton J Spencer, David Robert Hamlyn,

78-Daniel Lee Richter, 79-James George Doble, 82-Ronald Keith Dale Bastone, Michael A Bird, William Peterson,83-Peter Lowery, 90-George Earl Wilson, Robert William Holmstrom, 91-James Fairman, 94-Mark John Schell, 95-Edward Bryant, James Robert Manson Bisset, 102-William Thomas Megyesi, Richard Farrell Wallace, William Ferguson Watson, John Frederick Bushnell, 103-Daniel Peter Farr, James Mitchell Mazure, 104-David Dickenson, John William Saunderson, Ronald M Botham, 113-Leslie Dunbobbin Phillips, Ralph Patterson Randlett, James Croll Sangster, William James Shearing, Ross Hummell, 117-Lorne Wilhelm, John Arthur Sutton, 119-Allan Golden Buchanan, Robert Frederick Swaddling, 129-Fred T Fowler, 130-Anthony Frazer, 133-Edwin Nelson, 138-Reginald Maynard Sidney Maddock, Thomas Bashford Johnston, Albert Jacob Yard, 144-Robert Galloway, 145- William Norman Clegg, John Adrian Roycroft, Walter James Rawlins, 148-John B Russell, 151-Robert Melville Taylor, Romeo Freddy Krause, 152-John Edward Myers, Phillip Berard, Philip Alexander Donald, 167-Robert Henry Adams, Simon Christopher Denton, 169-James Henry McLaren, 175-Wesley Francis Riley, 184-John Franklin Garrison, 195-John Dick, John Bahous, Tony Bahous, Jason Noble Russell, 198-Alexander Beaton Gibson, Gordon Ellesworth Smith, William George Grant, Bruce Ian Donald, 205-William Christie, Thomas Richard Heale, 220-Donald Arthur Drysdale, James Gilbert Prentice, Clifford James Saul, William Stewart Rankin, Bryan Amos, 221-Paul Wight, William Diamond, James Arthur Rogers, James Dowd, Daniel Edward Roberts, Thomas Emerson Rusenstrom Alexander Mark Lewis, David Harold Jones-Delcorde, 223-Byron Stanley Gillard, 224-John Reginald Epplett, 230-David Romaniuk, 233-Bertram Ellis, Glenn William Turner, 234-Robert Lane, Charles Henry Trott, John Brown Calder, William Herbert Nipper, 236-Ralph Albert Martin, Walter Ivan Munn, 241- Otto Philip Ulrich, Wilbur Miller Prentice, Stuart Henderson Porter, Marius Andrew Wozny, Richard A Herbert, Austin Graham Meredith, Roy Hulton, Roland Wardle, Michael Oliver Matthew Brindle, Reuben Skinner, Trevoe Smith, 247-Robert Joseph Molnar, Ian Thomas Kirkland, 248-Lawrence Barrie, 249-Wally Kiers, 251-William Boucher Sutherland, 255-Albert William Epple, 260-George Robert Sheard, William Archie Campbell, Victor G Hope, Charles W Emmett, Douglas Leonard Stroud, George Alexander Markell, Leslie J Peer, Frederick Charles Shortt, Norman C Martin, Robert Ferguson Pattison, Samuel Hamilton Montgomery, Hugh Francis Lamb, William Elliott, Henning Lund, Lavern Franklin Martin, Guenther Gahs, Francis Robert Oliver, Makato Umerura, Walter Edward Peters, John Andrew Harvey, Ernest Lloyd Merkley, Thomas White Pender, Russell Thomas Falshaw, George Bain McTear, William Mackie, Warren Alfred Thompson, John Oswald Fowler, Donald Ross, Michael Cyr, James Edward Knox, Edward Williamson Elcombe, Burchell McDonald Francis, Gordon Ralph Tamblin, Gordon Brentnall Collins, William R Birnie, Clayton Darcy Benn, Heniz Warner Caminer, Edward Bishop, John Rodger Dalton, Wayne A McLelland, Gary Maycock, Donald Henry Youngblut, Raymond Kanhai, David Prentice Gahs, Christopher Jackson, Anthony A Duerden, Robert George Hlohinec, Allan James Freckleton.

**SUSPENDED - 1998**

2-Victor Rojenko, 5-DouglasaCharles Ritchie, William Allister McCarther 6-Thomas Leslsie Johnson, Lawrence Jamieson, Lefteris Iliadis, William Spyridonakos, David J Sherman, Pieter Ciere, 8-John Eldon Petch,, Archie L Hindorff, 15-David William Kirwan, 18-Leslie Arthur Parker, 19-John Henry Bergen, David Henry Buckland, 23-James Drummond, Raymond Tarry, George Irvin Freeman, 24-Warren Young, Albert James Brown, 26-John Stanley Down,27-Robert Charles Chrysler, 31-David Edward Jeffrey, 32-Jack Sutton, 34-Joseph Edward Walton, 36-William Aird, Kenneth Arthur Druce, William Alexander P Hunter, 40-Naser Tawfiq Mukhar, 48-Robert Ferguson,

53-Leslie Arnold Mannen, 54-Lay Sheward Smith, Frederick William Towers, James Randolph Clarke, Richard Allan Hanson, John Arthur Hancock, 55-David Scott Wilson, 56-Randy Bruce Thompson, Gary Alan Tutin, Howard Ralph Walsh, 59-Michele LaPointe, 63-Leslie Arnold Mannen, 66-Roy A Vodden, 71-Arnold Aaron Axcell, Stanley Cope, Frank Nickolas Schawillie, Wilhelm Freidrich Maier, Levon Daqlian, Frederick William Towers, Ian Thorton Cowie, Kendall Robert Wadsworth, 74-David Storm, 77-Joseph Kocis, 78-Cecil Thomas Millar, Robert Wayne Hamilton, 79-Colin George MacLeod, Patrick John Morrissey, Otto Andrade, 90-John B Armstrong, 95-Kamal Charles Doumith, 102-John Albert Thompson, John Franklin Shannon, Gerald Frederick Goodine, Larry B Tasse, 103-Richard Ernest Colombe, 104-Duncan Campbell Morrison, Errol A Clarke, 113-Ernest Floyd Beckstead, Johnson Wesley Murray, Frank Gordon, Kerry Dale Scott, Gordon Taylor Alexander, Robert J Bender, 117-Kenneth Harriman, 133-Thomas Berton Stearns, Wallace Lee Kirkwood, 135-Gordon Forrest Hunt, 138-Ian Muir, Peter Brian Glass, 147-Douglas Martyn, 151-Gaye Clarke, 152-Franklyn Peter Myers, Benny Edward, James Charles Quirie, Glenn Leonard Hupet, Robert Bruce Wickstrom, Glen Roste, Richard Mutz, James Glasgow Homer, William G Butterfield, Siegfried Latell, James Douglas Johnson, Thomas Victor Marr, 175-David Ernest Bullock, David Storey Oswald, George Cuthbertson, Hugh Mills, 195-Henry E Clasper, Robert A Fairlie, Lloyd J Fournier, Martin Bruce, 210-David Wolfe, 213-Robert A McEwen, Patrick K O'Connell, 233-Terrance John Day, Jeffrey Owen Valentine, 234-Robert James Stephenson, 241-George Arthur Pethick, 245-William McIntosh, Robert Coyle, John Beveridge, 248-John Arthur Bradley, Dennis Russell, 255-Thaddeus Koza, John Russell Sage, James Douglas Cook, 257-Ivan Douglas Patterson, 267-David Edward Jeffrey,

## REINSTATED - 1998

6-Brian Frederick Mills, 8-Mervyn J Richards, 19-Anthony Argentino, Bryan John Robertson Annett, 28-Michael Fitzpatrick, Edward McAlpine, Steven Carl Leistner, 59-John Dennis Silburn, 71James Clare Valley, 72-Donald Wallace Spafford, Donald MacKenzie Scandrett, 73-Douglas James Stewart, 76-James Arnall Harrigan, 94-Norman Robert Nisbett, 102-Jacob James Burghout, 104-William Ross Tomkins, 133-David Francis Thompson, 138-Sidney James Maddock, Gordon Michael Goodfellow, 149-Kirk Patrick Earl Carroll, 234-James Blair, 235-John Melfort Collier, 245-David Robert William Johnston, 247-Arthur Edward Snelgrove.

## DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1-RA Paddle, D Dale 2-T Corrin, JA Johnston, FD Draker, 3-JR McCullough, AG Smuck, RJ McKibbon 5-V Govan, 6-T. Kazias, W. Cowell 7-M Smith, B Gerow, A. Haines, S. Taylor, 8-E deBeaupre, J Jones, K Douglas, W Luter, 15-D Emerick,K Bellamy, RA Cadwallader 16-WH Woods, CJ Meunier 18- M Bowman, C Sly 19-W Klapatiuk, L Shedden, D Laskey, D Brown, A Tonge,G Cornelius, W Anderson, JW Carns, 20-G Clifford, 22-SK Hall, JM Laushway, ME Jenkins 24-BA Mennie, 26-R MacDonald, JH Chambers, 27-S Conners, B Auchterlonie, W Oldham, J vanBulhuis, 28-W. Esplen, RH McKelvie, 29-J Hodgen, R.McMaster, G Deavu, L Gimblett, J Barich, W Claus, 30-I Keuls 31-DA King, A Allan, 32-J Freer, D Attridge, 34-C Coursey, GF Parker, LI Montague, G Roane 35-J Janacek, E Ounjian 36-ARA Keay, GA Gauthier, TJ King W Collinson, JH Hutchinson, AA Mortlock 37-F Guy 40-J Byrom, A Roy, 44- G LeGier, 46-RL Stevenson, 47-HM Dunlop 48-D Ward, J Beedham 53-P Naylar, 54R Erickson, R Heil, M Brown RJ Jackson, GR Jackson, AF Harris, 55-N Ring, J Brown, B Nehring, S Knox, 57- D Barlow, J Bye, R Smallbone, A Etling,

59-G Todd, R Miller, R Eyre, G Robertson, 61-G Graves, 63-W Arnold, 64-J Elliott, B Penwarden JW Weir, BA Douglas, KG Halbert, S Penwarden, 67-WH Forbes, 71-MA Fletcher, 72-A Foote 73-JT Saunders, EA Kerr , 75-J Hough, P Barr, E Ramsbottom, E Evans, A Sinanan, 76-K Green 77-GW Kerr, W Glover, L Katona, P Park, C Emmett, 78-C Miller, D Bender, D Russell, L Craven, H Jamieson, RR Jackson, K Larner, G Allison, 79I Nichols, D Danniels, G Robinson, D Niven, R Johnson, C Meldrum, R Harrison, 81-G Sinden, H Knight, 83-S Brass, JK Lowery, 84-L Grour, D Carson, D Langridge, F Lewis, G Cowman, 95-JW McGill, 102-B Slingsby, GB Parsons, 103-R Meadows, RP DeFreitas, 104-GP Humes, ED Warren, RM Campbell, 110-B Armstrong, 113-W Bulbeck, 114-G Cross, 117- LWB Brown, WB Miller, JN Pattison, C Sherwood, AG Wolfe, 119-G Carwood, L Hostine, 129-W Cheoros, 133-MR Rodgers, GH Patterson, 135-J Ross, 138-JV Mathers, 145-A Maitland, D Emerson, 147-W Bogie, 150-E Carson, 155-B Norsworthy167-D Walker, A Walker, 168-J Parsons, P Wilmink, 169-V Praskey, 175-W Holcombe, W Stanfield, E Cassidy, A Cree, F Rysanek, D Rogers, A Watson, 184-G Smith, T Lillie, HE Winslow, G Faraday, DP Parker, 195-JD Dorris, B Kahler, AR Jackson, RS Wylie, RF Russell, JF Post, 198-B Simpson, H Houben, D Plant, 205-R Purslow, G Kerr, P Emslie, 212-DG Kelly, EH Lakien, 218-D Epps, J Mitchell, R Sharpe, 220-P Monkman, BA Downes, RJ Varley, V Williams, J Oldham, MJ Duke, G Sinclair, RT Falshaw, J Dodd, DF Kline, G Gahs, 222-JA Keith, MJ Moor, JR Marshall, 223-R Clemence, 224-WG Birnie, RE Todd, AW Anderson, 230-T Raivo, W Schmeiders, H Sanders, G Carr, E Carr, GH Stuart, DV Ross, 232-GPR Webster, HD Turner, W Massey, L Mellor, 233-A McLelland, P Scott, K Whiting, 234-T Massena, V Games, P Barrow, 235-E Simon, 236-G Harvey, R MacClung, 238-C Schiegel, D Thomson, K Heggie, S Nielsen, W Douglas, D Dockstader, 241-CE Drew, EH Elcombe, 243-G Fairbairn, W Best, 245- DB Kaufman, 247-DJ Gent, GC Alblas, EL Reeves, JF Blackwell, 249-R Jones, J Hartwell, K Bromley, M MacKenzie, K Billett, R Abernethy MA Griffiths, 252-G Odell, 255-CR Phillips, 257-J Gibbs, 262-JB Gibbs, TR Binns, NE Byrne, 264-S Crockatt, B LoPatriello, 265-R Mandeville, S Boomhour, BD Lamont, 266-R Berday.

## - GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 1999 AND THEIR SECRETARIES

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| 71 | Windsor ..... | Windsor | 119 | King Cyrus ..... | Leamington |

## LONDON DISTRICT No. 2

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| 53 | Bruce-Sombra | Petrolia |
| 54 | Palestine | St. Thomas |
| 74 | Beaver | Strathroy |
| 78 | Minnewawa | Thedford |
| 81 | Aylmer | Aylmer |
| 150 | London | London |
| 214 | Vimy | Oil Springs |
| 238 | The St. Andrew | London |
| 247 | Nilestown | Nilestown |
| 252 | Hiawatha | Sarnia |

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## WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4

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| 221 | Durham | Durham |
| 234 | Halton | Georgetown |
| 245 | Preston | Cambridge |

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| 104 | White Oak | Oakville |
| 155 | Ancaster | Ancaster |
| 175 | The Hamilton | Hamilton |
| 224 | Keystone | Stoney Creek |
| 236 | Caledonia | Caledonia |
| 243 | MacKay | Stoney Creek |
| 262 | King David | Burlington |

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| 30 | Huron | Goderich |
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| 63 | Haveloch | Kincardine |
| 366 | The Elliott-Malloch | Hensall |
| 146 | Bernard | Listowel |
| 147 | Lucknow | Lucknow |
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## NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7

**R.Ex.Comp. R Arthur Etling**
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| 145 | The St. Patrick | Newmarket |
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| 1 | Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui | 78 | 58 | 17 | 75 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | The Hiram | 79 | 51 | 26 | 77 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | St. John's | 118 | 75 | 45 | 120 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 5 | St. George's | 102 | 58 | 39 | 97 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | -1 |
| 6 | St. John's | 113 | 66 | 42 | 108 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | -2 |
| 7 | Quinte Friendship Moira | 175 | 103 | 60 | 163 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| 8 | King Solomon's | 193 | 164 | 23 | 187 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 15 | Wawanosh | 103 | 54 | 47 | 101 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 16 | Carlton | 191 | 121 | 66 | 187 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | -1 |
| 18 | Oxford | 103 | 89 | 61 | 150 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 49 |
| 19 | Mount Moriah | 150 | 93 | 50 | 143 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 2 | -7 |
| 20 | Brant - Mount Horeb | 79 | 69 | 13 | 82 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| 22 | Grenville | 45 | 41 | 5 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 | Regal - Ezra | 60 | 36 | 16 | 52 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| 24 | Tecumseh | 119 | 72 | 30 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | -9 |
| 26 | St. Mark's | 66 | 51 | 15 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 27 | Manitou | 59 | 46 | 9 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 28 | Pentalpha | 117 | 92 | 25 | 117 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 29 | McCallum - Grimsby | 79 | 71 | 7 | 78 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 30 | Huron | 65 | 48 | 12 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 31 | Prince Edward | 89 | 63 | 16 | 79 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 32 | Waterloo | 83 | 74 | 7 | 81 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 34 | Signet | 117 | 46 | 71 | 117 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 35 | Keystone | 81 | 61 | 19 | 80 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 36 | Corinthian | 195 | 120 | 58 | 178 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| 37 | Victoria | 80 | 68 | 11 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

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| 40 | Guelph | 109 | 70 | 35 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 41 | Harris | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -50 |
| 44 | Mount Sinai | 50 | 33 | 17 | 50 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 46 | St. James | 57 | 54 | 5 | 59 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 47 | Wellington - MacNabb | 72 | 66 | 9 | 75 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 48 | St. John's | 38 | 35 | 3 | 38 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 53 | Bruce - Sombra | 90 | 53 | 30 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -1 |
| 54 | Palestine | 241 | 48 | 180 | 228 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 1 | -5 |
| 55 | Niagara | 54 | 38 | 14 | 52 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 56 | Georgian | 89 | 65 | 23 | 88 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 57 | King Hiram | 49 | 41 | 4 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 59 | Sussex - St. Lawrence | 135 | 100 | 35 | 135 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 61 | Maple - Granite | 87 | 74 | 7 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| 63 | Havelock | 62 | 57 | 6 | 63 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 64 | Willson | 88 | 72 | 15 | 87 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 66 | The Malloch | 24 | 17 | 7 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 67 | Enterprise | 42 | 32 | 10 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 68 | Maitland | 56 | 54 | 5 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 71 | Windsor | 173 | 113 | 57 | 170 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | -5 |
| 72 | Keystone | 78 | 69 | 9 | 73 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | -1 |
| 73 | Erie - Blenheim | 122 | 111 | 18 | 129 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 74 | Beaver | 81 | 71 | 9 | 80 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 75 | St. Clair | 67 | 67 | 1 | 68 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 76 | Mount Nebo | 31 | 25 | 6 | 31 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| 77 | Occident | 76 | 58 | 15 | 73 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | -1 |
| 78 | Minnewawa | 70 | 49 | 22 | 71 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 79 | Orient | 156 | 119 | 35 | 154 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 81 | Aylmer | 107 | 97 | 6 | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 82 | Shuniah | 128 | 145 | 37 | 182 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 58 |

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| 83 | Ionic | 70 | 62 | 8 | 70 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 84 | Lebanon | 50 | 37 | 11 | 48 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| 90 | Golden | 85 | 81 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 91 | Toronto Antiquity | 79 | 44 | 34 | 78 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| 94 | Midland | 99 | 86 | 15 | 101 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 95 | Tuscan | 196 | 110 | 82 | 192 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 102 | Algonquin | 107 | 91 | 8 | 99 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| 103 | St. John's | 115 | 84 | 23 | 107 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | -1 |
| 104 | White Oak | 80 | 48 | 26 | 74 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 110 | Warkworth | 33 | 36 | 0 | 36 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 113 | Covenant - St. John's | 102 | 68 | 20 | 88 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 114 | Bonnechere | 33 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 117 | Kitchener | 118 | 84 | 30 | 114 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 119 | King Cyrus | 99 | 55 | 37 | 92 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -4 |
| 129 | Elliot | 55 | 51 | 4 | 55 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 130 | Chantry | 60 | 48 | 12 | 60 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 131 | Amabel | 70 | 56 | 11 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 133 | St. Francis | 125 | 104 | 14 | 118 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 134 | King Darius | 28 | 14 | 19 | 33 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 135 | Sucoth | 23 | 18 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 138 | Shekinah | 142 | 85 | 50 | 135 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | -1 |
| 140 | Fort William | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -61 |
| 144 | Presqu'ile | 33 | 30 | 1 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 145 | The St. Patrick | 80 | 42 | 32 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 146 | Bernard | 51 | 49 | 2 | 51 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 147 | Lucknow | 34 | 31 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 148 | St. John's | 26 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 149 | Atwood | 14 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 150 | London | 87 | 57 | 24 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| 151 | Laurentian | 59 | 49 | 4 | 53 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

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| 152 | Alberton | 122 | 100 | 8 | 108 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 1 |
| 155 | Ancaster | 52 | 49 | 2 | 51 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 167 | Kichikewana | 101 | 66 | 37 | 103 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 168 | Ionic | 58 | 49 | 9 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 169 | Temiskaming | 32 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 175 | The Hamilton | 76 | 67 | 6 | 73 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 184 | Hugh Murray | 67 | 64 | 2 | 66 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 195 | Peel | 122 | 58 | 56 | 114 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | -1 |
| 198 | Couchiching | 95 | 51 | 42 | 93 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| 205 | Victoria | 165 | 115 | 49 | 164 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | -1 |
| 210 | Kitchener | 54 | 49 | 4 | 53 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 212 | Mount Sinai | 271 | 38 | 228 | 266 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| 213 | Northern Lights | 50 | 34 | 14 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 214 | Vimy | 41 | 24 | 17 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 218 | Prince Edward | 44 | 41 | 2 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 220 | Lebanon | 97 | 75 | 23 | 98 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 221 | Durham | 57 | 52 | 2 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 222 | Ottawa | 140 | 110 | 22 | 132 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 223 | Abitibi | 35 | 33 | 0 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 224 | Keystone | 85 | 40 | 44 | 84 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 226 | Prince of Wales | 91 | 23 | 72 | 95 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 230 | Port Credit | 68 | 54 | 8 | 62 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 232 | King Cyrus | 72 | 52 | 21 | 73 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 233 | Oakwood | 60 | 41 | 13 | 54 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 234 | Halton | 57 | 51 | 2 | 53 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 |
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| 236 | Caledonia | 36 | 27 | 8 | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 238 | The St . Andrew | 131 | 103 | 32 | 135 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 241 | University | 140 | 107 | 18 | 125 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | -4 |
| 243 | McKay | 61 | 43 | 18 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| 245 | Preston | 45 | 44 | 1 | 45 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 247 | Nilestown | 116 | 57 | 54 | 111 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | -1 |
| 248 | Dochert | 46 | 43 | 2 | 45 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 249 | Palestine | 67 | 59 | 8 | 67 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 |
| 251 | Kirkland | 43 | 24 | 14 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | -2 |
| 252 | Hiawatha | 238 | 114 | 124 | 238 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| 254 | Golden Star | 139 | 82 | 57 | 139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 255 | Tilsonburg | 80 | 44 | 30 | 74 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | -1 |
| 257 | Espanola | 90 | 78 | 13 | 91 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| 260 | Centennial | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 0 |
| 261 | Seguin | 62 | 55 | 6 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 262 | King David | 65 | 59 | 8 | 67 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 264 | Tecumseth | 77 | 22 | 55 | 77 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 |
| 265 | Brampton | 76 | 11 | 65 | 76 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 266 | Kenogamisis | 29 | 26 | 3 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 2:55 p.m. The Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 8:30 a.m. in the morrow.

## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 17th, 1999 the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

## REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee of Scrutineers take great pleasure in presenting the results of the elections held at this Grand Chapter.

For the office of Grand Scribe Nehemiah ..... Ex.Comp. Peter W Scott
For the office of Grand Principal Sojourner ..... Ex.Comp. Alvin T Fuller
For the office of Grand Registrar ..... Ex.Comp. Russell J Varley

Member elected to the Grand Executive ..... R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk
Member elected to the Grand Executive ..... R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson
Member elected to the Grand Executive ..... R.Ex.Comp. William G Birnie
Member elected to the Grand Executive ..... V.Ex.Comp. John R Pattison
Member elected to the Grand Executive ..... R.Ex.Comp. Eugene F de Beaupre

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Edward Ounjian and seconded by V.Ex.Comp. Lewis Shedden that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

The results of the ballot were:

Grand Scribe Nehemiah:
Ex.Comp. Peter W Scott ..... Acclaimed

Grand Principal Sojourner:
Ex.Comp. Alvin T Fuller ..... Acclaimed

Grand Registrar:
Ex.Comp. Russell J Varley ..... Acclaimed

Grand Executive Committee:

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk ..... 330
R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson ..... 326

R.Ex.Comp. William G Birnie ..... 268
V.Ex.Comp. John R Pattison ..... 228
R.Ex.Comp. Eugene F de Beaupre ..... 194
R.Ex.Comp. Donald J Winkworth ..... 193
R.Ex.Comp. Ian Keuls ..... 180
R.Ex.Comp. William Glover ..... 130
R.Ex.Comp. E Roy Harrison ..... 129

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Credentials take great pleasure in presenting the following report.

Number of Chapters represented by Officers ..... 53
Number of Chapters represented by proxy ..... 35
Number of Chapters represented by Past Principals only ..... 49
Number of Chapters represented ..... 98
Number of Chapters not represented ..... 26
Number of Delegates present ..... 279
Total number of Votes ..... 418
Total number of Chapters denied vote ..... 6
Registered delegates who did not vote ..... 32

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Edward Ounjian and seconded by V.Ex.Comp. Lewis Shedden that this report be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS ADDRESS

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We, the Committee consisting of the Past Grand First Principals, having received the address of the Grand First Principal, are pleased to submit this report.

We join with our Grand First Principal in his cordial and gracious welcome to you, the Companions of this Grand Chapter and to the many distinguished guests from Sister Grand Jurisdictions and ruling representatives of other Concordant Masonic Bodies, to this the 141st Grand Convocation, of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, being held in the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario.

We endorse and acknowledge the Grand First Principal's comments regarding the historical events that have taken place in the Niagara Peninsula which have contributed to the growth of our Province and country.

The Committee unites with the Grand First Principal regarding his appreciation to the Royal Arch Companions of Niagara District No. 7 for hosting this Grand Convocation, and his gratitude to the Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7, R.Ex.Comp Faraday and to the General Chairman, R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey, and all the Committee members and ladies for a job well done.

We endorse the welcome extended to Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother William T Anderson, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and we concur with the Grand First Principal in thanking our Grand Master for the manner in which he has served his office. Most Worshipful Sir, may you have continued good health and many achievements for the years to come. Our allegiance to the work and ideals of Grand Lodge is and always will be most positive and sincere.

The Past Grand First Principals are extremely pleased that the health of M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner has greatly improved since November 5th, 1998 when he experienced a severe bout of pneumonia and was forced to cancel many visits to Royal Arch Chapters across the Province. Many thanks are extended to those Companions who willingly represented the Grand First Principal at many functions at which M.Ex.Comp. Turner could not attend due to a period of recuperation.

The Committee joins with our Grand First Principal in paying tribute to the many distinguished Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and that of our own jurisdiction who have passed to the Grand Chapter above during the past twelve months. We join with the Grand First Principal and other Companions in mourning the death of M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson who was Grand First Principal in 1974 and 1975, and the death of R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B Gillespie, in his ninety-ninth year. Let us always remember the great contributions and services that all departed Companions gave to Royal Arch Masonry. We give thanks to the Great Jehovah for their life amongst us, and the privilege of having known them.

We endorse most heartedly the expressions of appreciation given by our Grand First Principal to the Grand Superintendents for their dedication in carrying out the many responsibilities entrusted to them, as well as the exemplary manner in which they represented the Grand First Principal in their respective districts.

The Committee congratulates M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner for his extensive travels across our Province and his visitations to many Royal Arch Chapters, not only for Installations and Investiture Ceremonies, but also for Anniversaries, Dedications, and Amalgamations of various Chapters throughout Ontario.

We cheerfully concur with the several Distinguished Service Awards presented throughout the past twelve months to dedicated Royal Arch Masons. We congratulate and thank these Companions for the example that they have set for others to follow, and the Committee joins with M.Ex.Comp. Turner in wishing you good health and much happiness in the years ahead. Each of you has shown a strong dedication which is an inspiration to all who have come in contact with you.

We support the recommendation of the Grand First Principal that the rank of Past First Principal be conferred upon Excellent Companion Frederick Alexander McTavish of Maple-Granite Chapter No. 61, Carleton Place; Excellent Companion Clifford Gerald Friday, and Excellent Companion James Paul Sanderson, Shuniah Chapter No. 82, Thunder Bay; and granted posthumously to the late Excellent Companion Murray Cameron Kirkpatrick, Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, Perth, Ontario.

The Committee also extends best withes to those Royal Arch Masons who have received long service jewels, bars or certificates relating to personal commitment in Capitular Masonry. Also, we support the conferring of Honourary Membership to the Grand Executive Committee on R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker and R.Ex.Comp. Roland R Paddle. Also, we support the issuing of Commissions of the Grand Representatives to Sister Jurisdictions and the Dispensations issued.

The Past Grand First Principals extend a sincere and hearty "thank you" to M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner for the time and effort you have set aside to represent our Grand Chapter in other jurisdictions and other branches of Masonry. The special receptions held in your honour, and your travels across the Province of Ontario are already well-recorded and your representation at Concordant Masonic Assemblies here in Ontario, other Provinces and in the United States of America is sincerely appreciated by all Companions.

We join with M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner in his commendations of the Benevolence Committee as they continue their special compassionate skills and expertness to the duties of this aspect of Masonry. In addition, we applaud the zealous and active involvement of the Bursary Committee as they apportion generous awards to deserving students who are furthering their education.

The Committee is in concert with the Grand First Principal in complimenting the Release-A-Miracle Committee in the administration of this fund and the distribution of interest earned to those dedicated researchers as they continue their search for cures to those dreaded diseases affecting our quality of life.

We also recognize the efforts of the Public Relations Committee and the many presentations they have made and their attendance at the Grand Lodge Communications in July, 1998, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto; the annual International Ploughing Match at Sunbury and the Western Fair, London, Ontario. The Public Relations committee has performed an excellent job in promoting Royal Arch Masonry throughout Ontario.

Noted with pleasure is the gracious references to the assistance, support and guidance received from the Past Grand First Principals. We, the Committee, recognize the contributions given to our Grand Chapter by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second Principal and R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Third Principal and all Grand Chapter Officers and Committee members. We also join with M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner in congratulating the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke for a job well done.

We the Past Grand First Principals, wish for our Grand First Principal and his wife Geraldine, good health, happiness, and much pleasure for the future.

Respectively Submitted: M.Ex.Comps. Charles W Emmett, Aube L Weisman, Gordon H Stuart, Edward W Elcombe, Albert A Mortlock, Leslie Levitt, Donald F Kline, G Robert Jackson, Alan F Walker, R Frank Russell, Chairman.

Moved by M.Ex.Comp.R. Frank Russell, Seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, that this report, and thereby the Grand First Principal's address be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. "CARRIED"

## PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner called upon the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the Companions of the winner of the William S Thomson Trophy. King Darius Chapter No. 134 of Cannington was announced as the Chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

After congratulating the Companions and the Chapter M.Ex.Comp. Turner, accompanied by the other Grand Council members presented the trophy to the winner.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. Turner announced that the time had arrived for the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and requested M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe to assume the gavel and to carry on with those duties. The newly elected officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner then proceeded to announce the Appointed Officers of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

## THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ELECTED OFFICERS 1999

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| R.Ex.Comp. James W Reid | Grand Lecturer<br>148 Oneida Boulevard, Ancaster ON L9G 3C9 |
| V.Ex.Comp. William T Anderson | Grand Senior Sojourner<br>13 Peacock Lane, Barrie, ON L4N 3R6 |
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| V.Ex.Comp. Frederick H Curran | Grand Sword Bearer<br>R.R. No. 6, Napanee ON, K7A 3L1 |
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| V.Ex.Comp. L Stanley Munro | Grand Pursuivant<br>Fitzroy Harbour ON K0A 1X0 |
| V.Ex.Comp. Alexander Kerr | Grand Steward<br>Box 1, Duart ON N0R 1H0 |

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| V.Ex.Comp. Alfred W Orr | Grand Steward<br>1217 Westbrook Road, Kingston ON K7P 2V3 |
| V.Ex.Comp. Mervin A Bonney | Grand Steward<br>1696 Aspenview Way, Gloucester ON K1C 6R9 |
| V.Ex.Comp. Malcolm D Wilson | Grand Steward<br>Box 401, Geraldton ON P0T 1M0 |
| V.Ex.Comp. Bryan D Slingsby | Grand Steward<br>75 Mark Street, Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 3M1 |
| V.Ex.Comp. William D Praskey | Grand Steward<br>P.O. Box 223, North Cobalt ON P0J 1R0 |
| V.Ex.Comp. Howard R Sims | Grand Steward<br>R.R. No. 4, Thamesford ON N0M 2M0 |
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| V.Ex.Comp. William F McKay | Grand Outer Guard<br>R.R. No. 1, Lakeside ON N0M 2G0 |
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**PAST RANK**

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe that Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 1998. CARRIED.

## THANKS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Seconded by R.Ex.Comp. m Sheldon Boomhour that the thanks of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario be extended to the following collectively:

- the Credentials Committee for the efficient manner in which they discharged their duties.

- the Scrutineers for their service in taking charge of the election of the Officers

- the 1999 Convocation General Chairman and his committees and subcommittees for their most successful efforts and achievements.

- to the Hotel staff for their great efforts which helped to make this such a fine Convocation.

CARRIED.

## CLOSING

The business of the 141st Convocation being completed, Grand Chapter was closed at 10:00 a.m. in ample form.

*Melvyn J Duke*

Grand Scribe Ezra

## FUTURE CONVOCATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

**2000 - APRIL 13TH, 14TH & 15TH**
**FOUR POINTS HOTEL, KITCHENER**

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## STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - President: R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Committee members - as per constitution

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. Norman E Byrne, Committee members - R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer

CONSTITUTION REVIEW - Chairman - R.Ex.Comp. Walter T Bulbeck, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker, R.Ex.Comps. James W Reid, Guenther H Gahs, David G Walker, V.Ex.Comp. William H Collinson

FRATERNAL DEAD - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Peter Barrow, Committee member - V.Ex.Comp. Donald C Smith

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont, Committee member - R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, Committee member - M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock

ARCHIVES - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey, Committee members - R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield, Ex.Comp. Dennis C Hill, Comp. Gregory V Flis

HISTORY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Norman D McComb, Donald J Gent

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Albert A Mortlock, Alan F Walker

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FINANCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe, R.Ex.Comps. B Andrew Downes, Melvyn J Duke, V.Ex.Comp. Robert S Wylie, Ex.Comp. George B Fairbairn

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## IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857 TO 1999

*William Mercer Wilson ..... 1857
*Thompson Wilson ..... 1858
*Thomas Douglas Harrington . 1858-60
*John Charles Franck ..... 1861-62
*Thomas Douglas Harrington . 1863-71
*Samual Bickerton Harmon ..... 1872
*Charles Davis MacDonnell ..... 1873
*James Seymour ..... 1874
*Lawrence H. Henderson ..... 1875-76
*Frederick Joseph Menet ..... 1877-78
*Daniel Spry ..... 1879-80
*Donald Ross ..... 1881-82
*Henry MacPherson ..... 1883-84
*Thomas Sargant ..... 1885-86
*Robert Hendry Jr ..... 1887
*Richard Beecher Hungerford . 1888-89
*John James Mason ..... 1890-91
*John Elly Harding ..... 1892-93
*John Ross Robertson ..... 1894-95
*Michael Walsh ..... 1896-98
*William Gilzean Reid ..... 1899-1900
*William Gibson ..... 1901-02
*Abraham Shaw ..... 1903-04
*William Roaf. ..... 1905-06
*John Leslie ..... 1907-08
*George Moore ..... 1909-10
*Frederick Weir Harcourt .... 1911-12
*Daniel Frazer MacWatt ..... 1913-14
*William S.R. Murch ..... 1915-16
*Arthur Stirling Gorrell ..... 1917-18
*William Nisbet Ponton ..... 1919-20
*Herbert Spohn Griffin ..... 1921
*Richard Henry Spencer ..... 1922-23
*Walter Hamill Davis ..... 1924-25
*Kenneth Jewell Dunstan ..... 1926-27
*Edwin Smith ..... 1928-29
*Walter Garnet Price ..... 1930-31
*Charles William Haentschel .. 1932-33
*Alexander Cowan ..... 1934
*George Lawrence Gardiner .. 1935-36
*William Young Mills ..... 1937-38
*Llewellyn Fred Stephens .... 1939-40
*John Morgan Empy ..... 1941-42
*John MacDonald Burden .... 1943-44
*Reginald Van Every Conover 1945-46
*Frederick William Dean ..... 1947-48
*Clarence McLeod Pitts ..... 1949-50
*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw 1951-52
*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor 1953-54
*John Loftus House ..... 1955-56
*Maurice Arthur Searle ..... 1957-58
*Bruce Harrison Smith ..... 1959-60
. Charles William Emmett ..... 1961-62
*Fraser Earl Jeffrey Hay. ..... 1963-64
*James Elwood Girven ..... 1965-66
*Stanley Portch ..... 1967-68
*George Harold Shannon ..... 1969
*Frederick Wm. Davis Welham 1970-71
*Leo John Gent ..... 1972-73
*William Simpson Thomson .. 1974-75
*William Harold Sproule ..... 1976-77
Aube L. Weisman ..... 1978-79
*Frederick Scott ..... 1980-81
Gordon H. Stuart ..... 1982-83
Edward W. Elcombe ..... 1984-85
Albert A. Mortlock ..... 1986-87
Leslie Levitt ..... 1988-89
Donald F. Kline ..... 1990-91
G. Robert Jackson ..... 1992-93
Alan F. Walker ..... 1994-95
R. Frank Russell ..... 1996-97
Harry D. Turner ..... 1998-99
*Deceased

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## AND OTHERS
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## IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857-1998

*Henry Robertson P.G.Z. ..... 1888
*Kivas Tully, P.G.Z ..... 1891
*Hugh Murray, P.G.Z. ..... 1903
*Harry Holgate Watson, P.G.Z. ..... 1909
*Elias Talbot Malone, P.G.Z. ..... 1919
*Augustus Toplady Freed, P.G.Z. ..... 1920
*Sir John Morison Gibson, P.G.Z. ..... 1922
*Roderick B. Dargavel, P.G.Z. ..... 1923
*Melville S. Gooderham, P.G.Z. ..... 1957
*The Rt.Hon. Earl of Galloway, Scotland, P.G.Z. ..... 1958
*Sir George Boag, England, Past Grand Superintendent ..... 1958
*William H. Sweeting, Victoria, Australia, Past Grand Principal Sojourner ..... 1958
*Reginald J. Lewis, P.G.Z. ..... 1964
The Rt.Hon. Earl of Elgin & Kincardine, P.G.Z ..... 1975

* Deceased

## GRAND SCRIBES EZRA
## THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
## IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857-1999

*Thomas Bird Harris ..... 1857-73
*Richard Porter Stephens ..... 1874-75
*Daniel Spry ..... 1876-77
*David McLellan ..... 1878-91
*Thomas Sargent ..... 1892-98
*George J. Bennett ..... 1899-1915
*Henry Thomas Smith ..... 1916-28
*Edwin Smith ..... 1929-49
*Deceased

*Frederick J. Johnson ..... 1949-59
*Maurice A. Searle ..... 1960-61
*Robert J. Hamilton ..... 1962-69
*Frederick C. Conley ..... 1969-78
*Robert Thornton Rigby .... 1978-88
Edward W. Elcombe ..... 1988-94
Melvyn James Duke ..... 1994-

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# MASONIC CALENDAR

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**Ancient Craft Masons:** commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 4000 to the common time, thusly: 1999 plus 4000 equals A.L. 5999. Lodges A.F.& A.M. hold Annual Communications.

**Royal Arch Masons:** date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabell. Anno Inventionis (A.I.), "In the year of Discovery," and add 530 to the common time, thusly, 1999 plus 530 equals A.I. 2529. Royal Arch Chapters hold Annual Convocations.

**The Order of High Priesthood:** dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem. Anno Benedictionis (A.B.) "In the year of Blessing," and add 1913 to the common time thusly, 1999 plus 1913 equals A.B. 3909. Councils of the Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.

**Royal and Select Masters:** dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.D.), "In the year of the Deposit," and adds 1,000 to the common time, thusly, 1999 plus 1,000 equals A.D. 2999. Councils of Royal & Select Masters, hold Assemblies.

**Knights Templar:** commence their era with the organization of the Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "In the year of the Order," and deduct 1,118 from the common time, thusly, 1999 less 1,118 equals A.O. 881. Preceptories of Knight Templars hold Assemblies.

**Scottish Rite:** date same as Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "In the year of the World," and add 3,760 to the common time, thusly, 1999 plus 3,760 equals A.M. 5759. After each September and another year, Consistories of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite hold Rendezvous or Reunions.